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Shanah Tovah

No breakthrough

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The sixth round of Middle East peace talks concluded last Thursday with no breakthroughs, but with a firm commitment by all the delegations to persevere because the stakes are so high.

All parties agreed that the more serious engagement between the Israeli and the Arab delegations over the last five weeks marked an improvement over previous negotiating rounds.

"Because of the nature and history of the conflict," said Israeli delegation spokesman Yossi Gal, "no one should expect dramatic breakthroughs. Yet every day brings us closer to our common goal of bringing peace to the region."

At the same time, the Arabs said the high expectations triggered by the election of a new Labor government in Israel had not been met and that the Israelis had recycled the same, old proposals of the former right-wing Likud government.

Still, the Arabs have accepted the Israeli proposal to return to Washington on Oct. 21, after the Jewish holidays have ended. They said they hoped Israel would use the period to draft newer and more creative responses to their papers.

Expectations had been high that Israel and Syria would issue a joint statement of principles at the end of the current round to help guide future talks aimed at achieving a peace agreement.

Those talks were bolstered by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's declaration a few weeks ago that Israel was willing to apply UN Security Council Resolution 242, which calls for the exchange of land for peace, to the Golan Heights. That marked a sharp departure from the policy of the previous Israeli government.

But the talks got bogged down over Israel's refusal to meet Syria's demand that it declare its willingness to withdraw from the entire Golan Heights. Israel has refused to address the question of withdrawal directly until Syria spells out its terms for a peace agreement. And Syria has balked at delineating how it sees normalized relations with Israel.

Syria's chief negotiator, Ambassador Mouwaffak Allaf, said it seemed the Israeli delegation was not authorized or ready to deal seriously with crucial elements of the talks, which he called "regrettable." He said the "ball is in Israel's court" now.

Allaf said a statement made in New York by Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa that offered "total peace" for "total withdrawal" from the Golan should eliminate any doubts about Syria's positive intentions.

He also discounted recent Israeli statements that the talks should be "upgraded" to a summit level, saying it is substance and not procedure that is at issue.

Some observers believe that the parties backtracked under pressure. They say Syria was urged not to strike a separate deal with Israel while the other negotiating tracks were stalled, while Rabin came under fire in Israel from the right wing and other opponents of territorial concessions on the Golan.

The Israelis are expected to come back Oct. 21 with a response to Syria's proposed joint statement of principles.

Progress has perhaps been most painstaking in the Israeli-Palestinian track, aimed at negotiating an interim self-governing authority for the Palestinians in the territories. There has been a serious exchange of papers and responses.

The Israelis have proposed general elections for a 15-member administrative council with broad jurisdiction over the affairs of daily life in the territories.

The Palestinians want a bigger body with legislative authority. Last week they also suddenly introduced a new demand: that Israel declare that Resolution 242, or withdrawal from land, applies to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The Israelis refused. They said that the letter of invitation to the peace talks, the only binding document of the negotiations, states that 242 applies only to the negotiation of the final status of the territories.

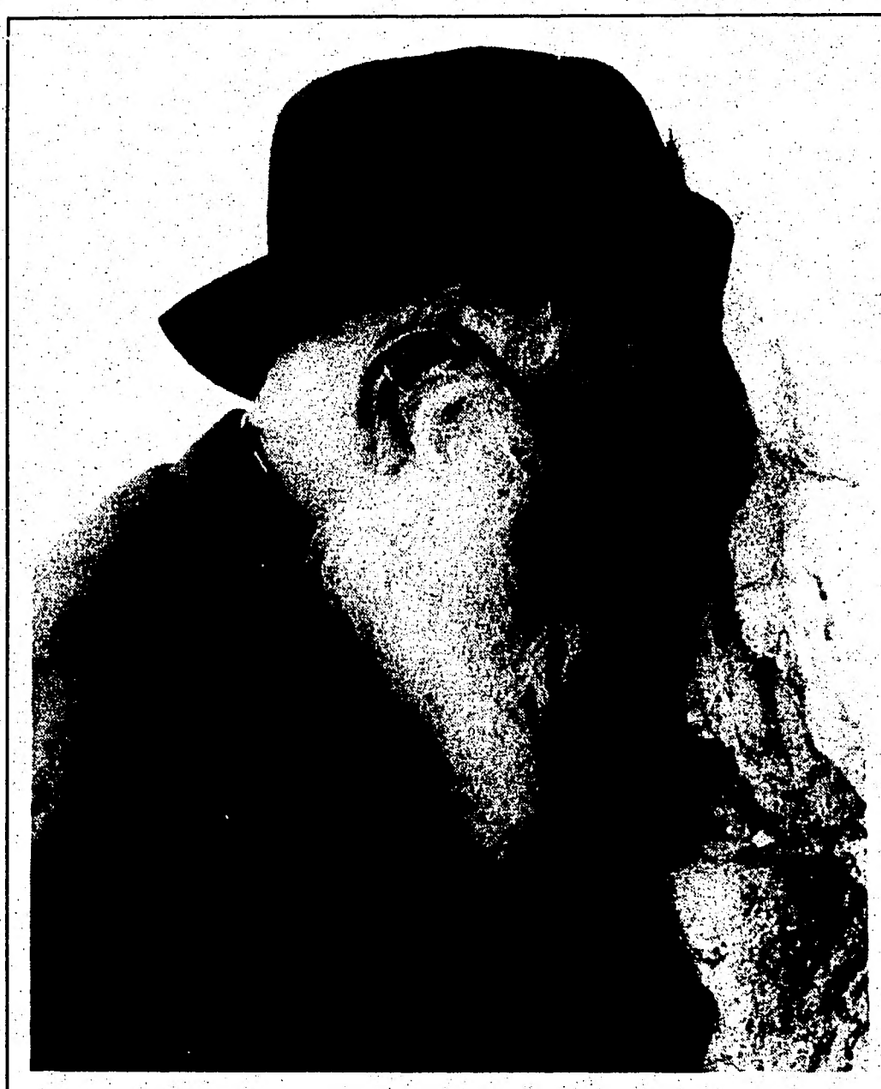
But the Israelis specifically stated their acceptance of 242's application to that phase of the talks, which is scheduled to begin after the third year of Palestinian autonomy.

The Palestinians ultimately retreated. Instead, they said they want assurances that whatever is done in the current phase of talks will be informed by that ultimate commitment to 242 and that nothing will be done to undermine that commitment.

The Israeli-Palestinian talks began making progress late last week after the parties established a pattern of breaking into small groups to discuss some of the issues informally.

While Gal reported progress in the Jordanian and the Lebanese tracks, the Jordanian spokesman, Marwan Mouasher, said the Jordanians were still stuck in their efforts to establish a common agenda with the Israelis.

Talks with Lebanon, meanwhile, reportedly improved greatly in atmosphere. The most notable development probably was the news that surfaced that missing Israeli air force navigator Ron Arad may be alive. The Lebanese delegation offered the information in response to requests from the Israelis.



A TIME TO REPENT

An old man prays at the Western Wall. The Yamim Norayim, the Ten Days of Awe from Rosh Hashanah to Yom Kippur, are a time of prayer, introspection and repentance.

The Jews of Montreal

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In this issue, *The CJN* begins a three-week series on the Jewish community of Montreal. Of all the Jewish communities in Canada, it is Montreal's — whose 90,000 Jews make up the overwhelming majority of the Quebec Jewish population — that will be most affected by the outcome of the national referendum on the Canadian constitution on October 26.

The series will be followed in the Oct. 22 issue by country-wide coverage of attitudes in the Jewish community to the referendum.

The issues inherent in the decision we face in less than four weeks — Quebec's determination to protect its culture and language; a recession exacerbated by years of political uncertainty; minority rights — are the stuff of daily life for the Jews of Montreal. Predominately anglophone, but with a growing francophone presence, they know that the outcome of the vote will have a direct impact on their ability to work, live and maintain the vitality of their institutions in the city they love.

For the past two months, even before the national referendum was announced, Montreal staffers Janice Arnold, David Lazarus and Elias Lévy have spoken with community leaders and with young people deciding whether to stay or leave. They have taken a close look at efforts to keep the 20 to 40 age group — the future leaders — in Montreal, and at efforts to keep Quebec in Canada. They have talked with those engaged in efforts to bring Jews and francophone Quebecers closer, and with those engaged in the struggle for minority and human rights. And in order to lay out clearly the ramifications of the constitutional issues for the "cultural communities," as they are known in Quebec, they have interviewed Quebec politicians and opinion-makers outside the Jewish community.

Many of the interviews were conducted in French, but to make them accessible to as wide a readership as possible, they are being published in English.

The question at the centre of every discussion was: "How would you explain the situation of Montreal Jews to the rest of Canadian Jewry?"

Those we spoke with have answered with clarity and, in many cases with remarkable detachment. They have answered with pride in their community and in Quebec, and with a mixture of fear and hope for the future. And they have answered from the heart.

Some of the responses are disturbing; some are encouraging. We believe you will find them all food for thought.

Patricia Rucker

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Editor

This week:

Janice Arnold interviews seekers of rapprochement, fighters for English-language rights, and francophone Jews; David Lazarus looks at how the community is trying to keep its young people in Montreal; Elias Lévy has a *CJN Exclusive* interview with political analyst Daniel Latouche, former adviser to René Lévesque.

To come:

Oct. 8:

- Montreal's young Jews: those who are staying and those who left.
- The journalists: how others see us.

Oct. 15:

- The leadership: Montreal federation president Harvey Wolfe; Max Bernard, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' national unity committee; Parti-Québecois vice-president Bernard Landry; Gerald Tremblay, Quebec Minister of Industry and MNA for Outremont.
- A minority within a minority: the Chassidim of Outremont.

CJN Exclusive

Daniel Latouche

Political analyst, former policy advisor to René Lévesque, and columnist for the Montreal daily Le Devoir, *Daniel Latouche is considered to be one of the foremost Quebec specialists in constitutional issues. Author of, among other works,* Réponse à un ami canadien — Betrayal and indignation on the Canadian trail; a reply from Quebec *(Editions Boréal, 1991), Latouche taught Quebec politics in McGill University's political science department for several years. During 1992, he took on Mordecai Richler in two rounds of public debate, the first in Toronto and the second in Belfast in Northern Ireland.*

Latouche spoke with CJN *reporter Elias Lévy in his office at the Institut National de la Recherche Scientifique (Montreal division) of the Université du Québec, where he now teaches. The interview was conducted in French.*

CJN: *What are your main impressions of the Charlottetown consitutional accord?*

Latouche: The constitutional proposals enshrined in this jerry-built accord represent a serious setback for Quebec. What particularly struck me is the ethnic and tribalist content of these proposals....

In the single introductory page of this accord, the word Canada is used 21 times. The actual word Quebec appears only five times: twice in the context of the distinct society, one reference with regard to the Supreme Court and two others for the House of Commons. Even at the level of vocabulary, we've been completely eliminated from this text which, I would remind you, has officially no other purpose but to bring Quebec back into the constitutional fold.

For example, the section on the division of powers makes eight references to native rights, but manages to find a way never to specifically mention Quebec. We make our best appearance in the context of the distinct society clause, which speaks of our francophone majority, our "unique culture" and our civil law tradition. It never explicitly mentions the French language, but only that we are a majority who "speak French."

Moreover, this accord also confers on natives the right to set up governments and institutions which exclude all those who are not native. Never have we seen a Canadian government document flirt so closely with racism, not to speak of the specific clauses that force senators to wear a language label.

CJN: *Your position in favor of Quebec sovereignty has always been explicit and unequivocal. However, in one of your articles published recently in the anglophone Montreal daily* The Gazette, *you state that the current socio-political circumstances are not at all favorable for setting sovereignty in motion, and that it would be preferable to put it off. Do you no longer believe in the sovereignty of Quebec?*

Latouche: I simply wanted to explain in that article, which aroused some lively controversy, that the greatest significance for Quebec of becoming independent lies in the fact that it could be the first country of the 21st century to develop into a non-ethnic, non-tribalist sovereign nation- state.

The cultural communities of Quebec overwhelmingly reject the sovereignty proposal put forward by the Parti Québécois. If the idea is to build a new country only for "pure laine" Québécois francophones, in order to be able to have commercial signs in French and perfect language laws, I don't think it's worth it, at least for the moment, to launch this daring adventure. We don't need to achieve independence to reach those objectives.

It's true that there are certain Montreal ethnic groups like the Latin-Americans and the francophone Sephardic Jews who, because of language or political affinities, are more sensitive to the nationalist aspirations of francophone Quebecers. However, it has to be admitted that in spite of the immeasurable efforts at sensitization expended over the last decade by the Parti Québécois, the idea of sovereignty has made little progress among these groups, which remain fundamentally attached to federalism. If the cultural communities do not get involved with us in this noble project, is the sovereignty of Quebec still worth the effort? For myself, I would be very uncomfortable imposing on them an independent Quebec which they do not want.

CJN: *Do the pro-federalist positions officially adopted by the most important Quebec cultural communities — the tripartite coalition of the Jewish, Greek and Italian communities — risk markedly altering the harmonious relations they've always had with the francophone sovereigntist milieu?*

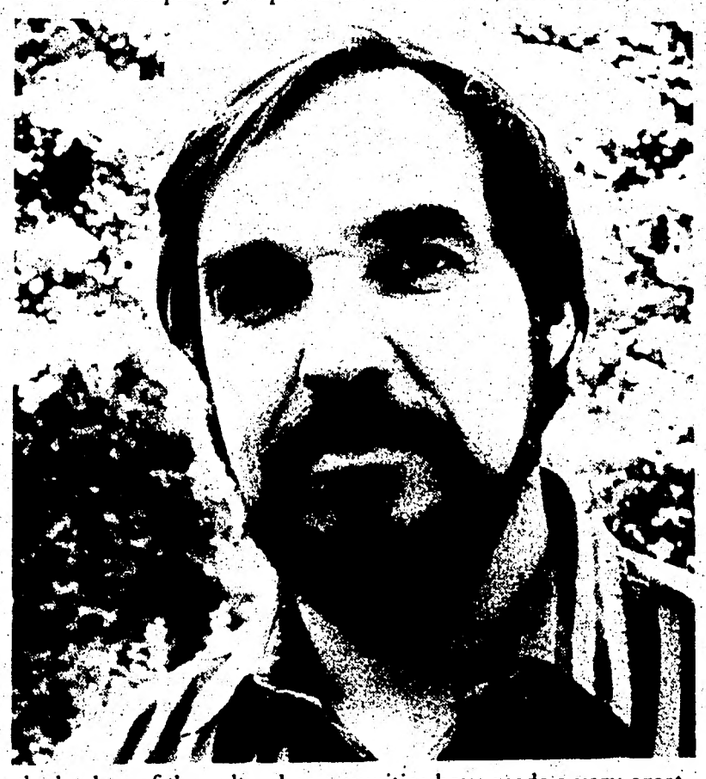
Latouche: Unfortunately, I'm afraid so. The categorical rejection of the sovereignty proposal by these communities could generate a radicalisation in the thinking of the Parti Québécois, but this time in a much more ethnic sense. Realizing that the strategy designed to convince the cultural communities to come on board has ended in bitter failure, the PQ could be tempted to opt for a more ethnic-and chauvinist approach, analagous to that of the Serbo-Croats.

This appeal to ethnicity, focussed on a nationalist vision that is exclusionist and as narrow as possible — which seems to work very well in other countries — could have catastrophic consequences. The right wing of the PQ, which at the moment is quite marginal, could become radicalized and very easily exploit, for ideological and electioneering ends, a position which they could consider as "anti-Québécois."

The following argument could be invoked: "We're wasting our time, these communities are not on our side, they don't want the sovereignty of Quebec. Let's stop spending our efforts and our energy for nothing and let's go after the vote of the francophone electorate instead." Positions this maximalist would, as a major consequence, exacerbate the tensions between these minorities and the francophone majority. However, for the moment, it's the positions of the progressive wing of the PQ that predominate. It is still seeking to win the cultural communities over to its proposal.

CJN: *Will the strategy launched by the tripartite coalition, openly advocating the renewal of Canadian federalism, turn out to be effective or counter-productive, in your opinion?*

Latouche: In the long term, this ill-chosen strategy will turn out to be completely unproductive. I believe, once more, that



the leaders of the cultural communities have made a very great miscalculation. Their elites, which renew themselves much more slowly than those of francophone and even anglophone groups, will continue to defend conservative positions.

These elites are very fearful of change, of genuine debates of ideas. They do their utmost to set up defence mechanisms based on their individual, very particular motives. They cling to a power which they refuse to share with the young people of their communities, on whom they confer the most marginal of places.

The cultural communities have not yet realized that the only political grouping that needs them in Quebec is the PQ. The Liberal party of Quebec does not necessarily have need of them electorally. Their strategy is extremely disappointing and simplistic. By mapping out a smarter and more coherent strategy, the leaders of these communities could have nailed the PQ to the wall with its own nationalist, non-ethnic, position.

Instead of positioning themselves blindly in favor of the federalist camp, these leaders could have invited the big names of Quebec sovereignty, Messieurs Parizeau and Bouchard, in order to spell out to them how they would wish to live in the context of an eventually sovereign Quebec — even if they were fiercely convinced that Quebec would never achieve sovereignty. They've never tried to do that. It would have been through their laying out publicly their grievances and complaints that the discussion would have progressed. Just like the francophone minorities living outside Quebec, the cultural communities preferred to continue to play the part of hired mercenaries. It's all very discouraging.

CJN: *How do you see the future of the anglophone community in Quebec?*

Latouche: The anglophone minority of Quebec has committed a monumental error. It's bartered its strategic room to manoeuvre for the status of a pampered minority. It's completely marginalized. The anglophones want at all costs to continue to be the first among minorities in Quebec.

By dint of wanting absolutely to imitate the French-Canadians of Alberta, they're going to marginalize themselves more and more. Acting in that way and dogmatically challenging the aspirations of the francophone majority, their role within Quebec society is going to become narrower and narrower. This saddens me a great deal, because this harmful turn of events will impoverish all of Quebec.

CJN: *Recent polls show that the proportion of francophones on the island of Montreal is in free fall and that French is clearly on the decrease in the metropolitan area. Does that say that the language laws now in force are ineffective? Must they be reinforced?*

Latouche: No, I think that the Quebec mechanism for linguistic assimilation is functioning relatively well. In my opinion, there is no doubt that the results produced by Bill 101 (the omnibus language law) are most encouraging and tangible. One of the great advantages — funnily enough — of this legislation is that it pushed all of those who were absolutely resistant to speaking French to leave Quebec. In 1992, we can't pass laws in order to expel people. However, I think that Bill 101 has indirectly taken care of that problem.

One musn't think that these laws will rectify an inequitable linguistic situation from one day to the next. It will be a long and exacting job, which could in certain cases take five or six decades. On the other hand, it must be recalled that Bill 178, passed by M. Bourassa's government, didn't serve any purpose, setting aside the fact that it exacerbated the ire of the anglophone community and penalized new immigrants who had integrated linguistically with the majority. Bill 101 was an effective tool of social integration. It allowed all those who speak French to climb the rungs of the socio-economic ladder more rapidly.

CJN: *Do you believe that the storm of controversy over the Richler affair contributed to chilling relations between the Jewish community of Quebec and the francophone majority?*

Latouche: I don't think so, because, in spite of the degree of emotion aroused by that affair, these two groups were clear-sighted and lucid enough not to get sucked into abusive generalizations and destructive sowing of confusion. So far as the Richer case is concerned, I think Quebec got upset for nothing. I simply have the impression that the Québécois are losing their sense of humor.

In his book *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec!*, Richler cites my name only once. But — to award me the ignominious label of anti-Semite because, he argues, I attributed to Woody Allen a joke which belonged to Groucho Marx. According to him, like all good anti-Semites, I'm incapable of telling two Jews apart. Such an interpretive and analytic — and also subtle — thought process doesn't offend me in the least. It shows, on the contrary, how very ridiculous this pamphleteer is.

However, I deplore the impetuous attitude of certain members of the francophone Québécois intelligentsia who didn't hesitate to demand from Canadian Jewish Congress a clarification clothed as a public apology. This peculiar habit, very Québécois, of demanding apologies all over the place from community or public institutions exasperates me deeply.

CJN: *Do you believe that the perception English Canada has of Quebec at this time is deceptive and sterotyped?*

Latouche: I must admit to you that this thorny question worries me a lot. I have been deeply affected, (even) shattered by the extremist reactions displayed by several English-Canadian groups as soon as the issue of Quebec sovereignty is raised. I've participated, over the course of the past months, in several meetings and debates devoted to this question, involving eminent English-Canadian professors of political science and intellectuals.

They have not hesitated to tell me bluntly that if ever, by some misfortune, Quebec were to attempt to achieve sovereignty, the federal government would be obliged to send its army to prevent this criminal act. If you decide to send the army into a country, it certainly isn't to direct traffic, but more likely to kill men, women and children.

These extremist reactions emanating from groups of prestigious intellectuals, not punks drunk on violence, completely flabbergasted me. Personally, I have always held to the principle that the independence of Quebec isn't worth the sacrifice of one human life. Reactions like this make me uneasy. At such a moment, I feel a certain moral responsibility toward the Québécois. Under the pretext of (opposition to) Quebec sovereignty, we could witness in the rest of Canada an upsurge of anti-native, anti-foreigner, anti-Jewish racism . . . .

I don't want to generalize, I'm not putting all English Canadians in the same camp. But there are several very noxious "mini-groups" and cells which are progressively coalescing. I have the impression that these intellectual circles are potential candidates for a drift towards extremism and fascism.

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U.S.-Israel ties unaffected by American vote: Brown

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Israel's relations with the United States will not be affected by the outcome of November's presidential election, according to William Brown, the former U.S. ambassador to Israel.

"It doesn't matter who wins," said Brown in an interview last week. "The relationship is fundamentally solid, and the election won't make much of a difference."

Besides, he pointed out, Congress and public opinion, which are generally sympathetic to Israel, play a significant role in the determination of Washington's Middle East policy.

As well, Brown added, the chief candidates, Republican George Bush and Democrat Bill Clinton, have been "very supportive" of Israel during the campaign.

Brown, who served as ambassador from late 1988 until January of 1992, was in Toronto to address an enRoute Universal Speakers luncheon on the current Middle East peace process.

Brown, who was also deputy chief of the U.S. embassy in Israel from 1979 to 1982, said that Israel's relationship with the United States is intrinsically so strong that it was able to weather the recent controversy over American loan guarantees to Israel.

Even at the height of that dispute last spring, U.S. aid levels to Israel remained constant, while Israel and the United States maintained their strategic partnership.

At the same time, Brown observed, the United States took the lead in repealing a United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism.

Brown, a tall, courtly man, poured cold water on the current assumption that the end of the Cold War and the demise of the Soviet Union have reduced Israel's importance as a U.S. ally.

"I'd take that with a grain of salt, although there is a certain concern in Israel where this may lead."

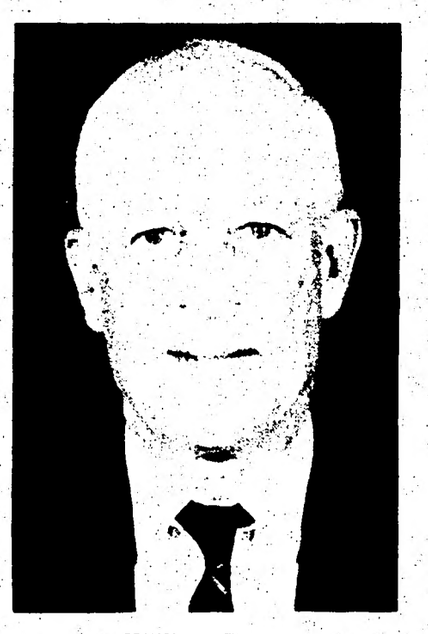
Characterizing the Middle East as a region of "great volatility and danger," Brown said that the well-being of Israel was among the United States' vital interests there.

In addition, the United States seeks to ensure the uninterrupted flow of oil at reasonable prices; to prevent the emergence of states armed with weapons of mass destruction, or with hegemonic policies; to promote regional stability and peace; and finally, to contain militant, politicized Islamic fundamentalism.

Brown acknowledged that the personal chemistry between President Bush and former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir had not been good.

While Shamir was a Holocaust survivor and an ideologue who was deeply suspicious of Arab intentions, Bush wanted "to move on to a new stage" in the search for peace in the Middle East.

The retired diplomat, who holds post-graduate degrees from Harvard, said he had "considerable respect" for Shamir. "I give him great credit for re-opening the current Middle East peace process. We wouldn't be where we are without Shamir's contributions."



William Brown

The former Likud government, he said, did its utmost to establish "as many facts (settlements and roads) on the ground as it could." The housing minister, Ariel Sharon, managed this effort with the zeal of a "bulldozer."

Turning to the loan guarantees issue, Brown said that Shamir refused "to see a connection" between his government's stepped up settlement drive in the territories and the Bush administration's opposition to it.

Brown said he was personally against the Likud's accelerated settlement program. But he admitted he could see "some merit" in Likud's argument that Israeli settlements were a negotiating tool, a way of exerting leverage on the Arabs to come to terms with Israel.

Although he described settlements as an obstacle to an Arab-Israeli peace accord, he also faulted Arab rejectionism of the Jewish state as a roadblock on the path to rapprochement.

The vast sums the Likud spent on settlements in the territories, he said, could have been channelled into the effort to reform the Israeli economy.

"Israel should have moved further than it has to privatize its economy, to free up the capital market, to induce greater investment, to make themselves more competitive in the international market, to produce greater growth."

In Brown's estimate, Israel will require $50 billion (U.S.), over the next five years, to properly absorb the aliyah from the former Soviet Union.

Turning to the 1991 Gulf War, Brown theorized that Iraq's military defeat has given Israel "a five-year margin of security."

With a laugh, he said the United States had exerted "great persuasion" on Israel not to retaliate for Iraqi Scud missile attacks against Israeli population centres.

Conceding there had been moments when Israel came close to attacking Iraq, he suggested that Israel may well have abandoned its policy of restraint had Israeli civilian casualties been higher and had Iraq fired chemical warheads.

Brown does not believe that Israel lost its deterrent capability by exercising restraint in the face of unprovoked Iraqi aggression. But he admitted that some Israeli strategists disagree with this opinion.

Iraqi Scuds were, comparatively speaking, "junk, World War II-type German rocketry, slightly modified by the Soviets."

The new class of missiles produced by North Korea and China, and purchased by Syria, are far more effective, he said.

"They have a longer range, they're more accurate and they're more reliable."

Syria, he warned, has "an horrific chemical warfare capability," while Islamic fundamentalist Iran has transformed itself into "a vehemently anti-Israel and anti-Semitic" power which supports guerrilla warfare against Israel in southern Lebanon.

Brown suggested that Israel's already overburdened defence budget could well rise if Israel and Syria fail to achieve peace.

"But there are good prospects for a deal, and the chief Israeli negotiator, Itamar Rabinovich, whom I know, is superbly equipped to conduct these negotiations."

Brown forecast that Israel's talks with Syria will be tough. Israel is loath to return "every millimetre" of the Golan Heights, while Syria wants it all back. Israel insists on a full-fledged peace treaty, while Syria is reluctant to enter into such an arrangement.

Ontario plan to fight anti-Semitism

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

In a far-reaching initiative other provinces are bound to examine, if not emulate, Ontario has announced it is developing a "pro-active" plan to fight anti-Semitism.

Ontario "needs to have guidelines ... to prevent the spread of anti-Semitism, hate group activity and the dissemination of hate propaganda," the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat (OARS), an arm of the Ministry of Citizenship, announced last week in a briefing.

The plan, contained in a four-page report, was unveiled to a select group of Jewish communal leaders. *The CJN* found out about it when its contents were leaked to *The Globe and Mail*.

Following the desecration earlier this year of three Metro synagogues, the ministry held consultation meetings with Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada to develop a "strategic plan."

The plan's major components are:

- that OARS "publicly" states that anti-Semitism is racism.
- the department has established "direct and on-going" links with the Jewish community at local, provincial, national and international levels and "strong" links with various law enforcement agencies.
- the government will fight anti-Semitism as part of its public education campaign.
- the secretariat will forge links between the Jewish community and other "vulnerable minority communities."

That's the overview. Specific initatives outlined in the report are:

- the ministry will seek the active support of major Christian denominations and organizations in Toronto.
- the ministry will expand its anti-hate education of police forces from the Metro Toronto force.
- the ministry will distribute "Guidelines for Community Action," a plan by B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights.
- the education ministry should develop "counter-programming" strategies to deal with recruitment of white supremacists in schools.
- The ministry will ask the Solicitor-General to look into security at high risk times and to ensure that priority is given to investigations of racially-motivated crimes.
- the ministry will ask the Attorney-General to examine group defamation action, other civil remedies relating to hate promotion and education of judges.
- the ministry will examine amending parts of Ontario's Human Rights Code dealing with harassment and promoting hatred.

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Montreal Jews

Many working to build inter-community bridges

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Quebecers may or may not harbor more stereotypical ideas than other Canadians about Jews. The more important issue today is that Jews are perceived as among the most ardent defenders of English rights and/or federalism.

In a society which is trying to project an image of generosity to minorities, and yet in which the rhetoric is often charged with mutual accusations of humiliation and betrayal, such people can expect to bruise some sensitivities.

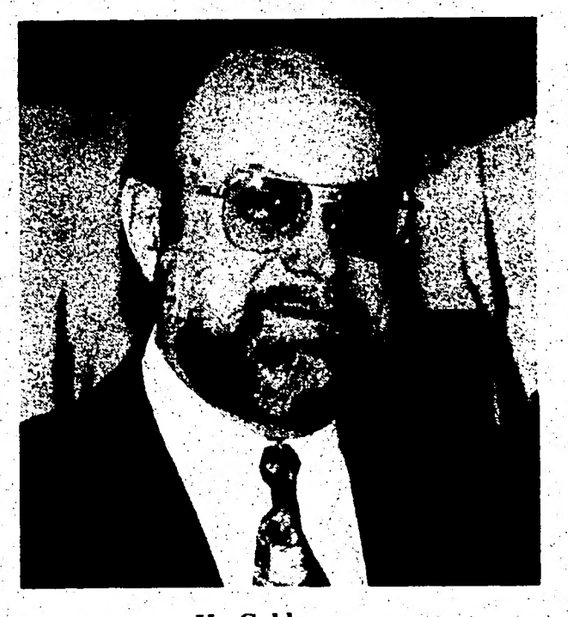
But examples of rapport can be found.

Dialogue Saint-Urbain was founded in 1989 to give Jews and French Quebecers a forum for serious, ongoing discussion on the state of their relationship.

Physician Hy Goldman, its co-founder with Pierre Anctil, a francophone who has made the Jewish community a subject of both academic and personal interest, said no similar effort had until then been made on such a scale.

The group, which is independent, has a core of about 25 members, mainly professional people, although open events have attracted over 100.

After three years, Goldman says the group is still trying to reach a level where completely frank communication is possible.



Hy Goldman

"The two communities have lived apart for a couple of hundred years," he explains.

The move by Jews to the more anglophone west end of the city and the intensification of Quebec nationalism have further distanced the two peoples. "But even when we were side by side we really were separate," Goldman says. "Our relations were nothing beyond the superficial; we knew little of each other." Goldman, 65, grew up in the St. Urbain Street area.

"We are trying to demythologize each community . . . but it's all by increment."

Surprisingly, Mordecai Richler was not a major topic. "The Richler affair was not a setback. We talked about it, even joked about it, to a certain extent.

"It was felt his comments (about anti-Semitism) were dated."

Goldman concedes "misperceptions and residual anti-Semitism" still exist, due mainly to lack of contact and ignorance.

"I think the Jews' relationship with the WASP community was as difficult, if not more so, than with French-Canadians. (English Quebecers' anti-Semitism) was more subtle, but more potent," given that at one time anglophones dominated major industry.

Goldman thinks Montreal is such a great place for Jews, mainly because of its community life, that many who left will come back if the politics are settled.

Recent efforts by Federation CJA to stem the outflow are "almost too little too late," according to Goldman.

"For the past 15 to 20 years, the leadership did very little, nothing really. It seemed that after initial panic it went into a state of shock or denial and has been sleepwalking."

No survey can fully capture the complexity of people's attitudes, admits Stephen Scheinberg, chairman of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights, an organization that, nevertheless, continues to try to do just that.

All he concludes from that research is that a "substantial minority" of Quebecers harbor an anti-Semitic attitude, but it tends to be latent, i.e., does not translate into an act of vandalism or harassment.

What bothers him is the touchiness of the francophone elite vis-a-vis any discussion of anti-Semitism in Quebec in the past. "It's a subject that's untouchable."

Anti-Semitism may not be a conscious concern of Jews leaving Quebec, but Scheinberg suspects that an almost innate nervousness about nationalism is.

"It appears Jewish kids are leaving in a larger proportion than other minorities. I don't see my Greek or Italian students leaving at the same rate," says Scheinberg, a Concordia University history professor. A Chicago native, he's lived here for 30 years.

While economic opportunities may top the list of reasons, Scheinberg thinks parents have passed on the sense that, historically, nationalism has not been good for Jews.

"The debate about collective versus individual rights is really out of sync with what Jews have looked for in North America."

The Quebec public service is virtually closed to anglophones, Scheinberg says, which not only limits career opportunities, but leaves a sense one is not truly part of a society.

"Whether the Liberals or Parti Québécois have been in power, the government over the years has given only lip service to affirmative action in the public service."

For those Jews of all ages who have decided to remain, Scheinberg feels the prevailing mood on the constitution is fatigue ("just get it over with") and not panic.

One young Jewish Quebecer who has found opportunity in the current climate is filmmaker Ina Fichman, 30.

She's working on a two-hour documentary about French-Jewish relations entitled *Vers une terre promise/Towards a Promised Land* that she expects will air on Radio-Québec in the fall of 1993.

The basic premise of the film is that understanding and reconciliation between the two groups are possible, if not easy to achieve.

The fact that both communities are worried about their cultural survival is both a source of friction and a basis for dialogue, she said.

The film will trace the history of "the ups and downs" of this relationship, and focus on cultural activities highlighting successful collaboration between the two peoples.

Fichman will turn the camera on herself to talk about her work with francophone screenwriter Michelle Allen on a half-hour drama called *Moïse*, which was shown on Radio-Québec last year. It's about a chassidic couple who take in a foundling.

"I grew up in Cote St. Luc and didn't know a French-Canadian. She grew up in Ahuntsic and never met a Jew until she went to CEGEP," said Fichman, a Bialik High School graduate.

Despite her optimism, Fichman doesn't rule out ever leaving Quebec if an opportunity in her field arises —but she wants to stay.

"I'm amazed at the things ex-Montreal Jews say when I visit Toronto. They have so much anger and resentment toward Quebec, and can't understand why I'm still here. This is a serious misunderstanding."

Leaving Quebec has become a self-perpetuating phenomenon, she feels. "It's a trend, the thing to do. People say, 'This is a sinking ship, why should I stay?' "

Sociologist Morton Weinfeld also doubts anti-Semitism is an issue with Quebec Jews. Their apprehension is like anyone else's: political and economic uncertainty. Weinfeld teaches a course on The Sociology of Jews in North America at McGill University.

Despite his expertise, he states he has "no idea" what the future will bring to the Jewish community of Quebec.

"Quebec is a great place for Jews to live. Right now, the quality of Jewish life compares favorably with anywhere. The apprehension is that this may change."

Language law provisions still anger some

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Bernard Lang, mayor of the predominantly Jewish suburb of Cote St. Luc, last year told a synagogue audience that Bill 178 — which bans languages other than French on outdoor commercial signs — is "fascism at its worst."

The language was extreme, but Quebec language laws continue to be vexing for many Jews who are highly sensitive to government attitudes towards human rights.

"There is a great deal of anxiety in the Jewish community. One can't speak of a new exodus, because it never slowed down . . . I don't know one Jewish person who has not spoken to me of the prospect of going to Toronto or the United States," says Robert Libman, 31-year-old leader of the Equality Party, founded in the wake of the anglo furor over Bill 178.

Besides a decision on the constitution, Quebecers will face a renewed debate over Bill 178.

In order to pass the sign law, which replaced some provisions of the omnibus language law (Bill 101) ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, Premier Robert Bourassa invoked the notwithstanding clause contained in the Charter of Rights. Legislation passed in this way has a life of only five years — and the five years for Bill 178 run out in 1993.

If the law is renewed, Libman feels the "sense of alienation and frustration" among Jews will be exacerbated. Communal organizations, because of a desire to maintain positive relations with those in power, have become out of touch with the frustration of ordinary people, he says. "In the Italian and Greek communities, it's the same: don't rock the boat."

Libman thinks the political situation is the number one reason young Jews are leaving. However, an aggressive effort by Jewish businessmen and professionals to find them jobs or assist in setting up business could stem the flow. Jews hold considerable economic clout, he said.

After three years in the National Assembly and travelling twice throughout Quebec, Libman says he remembers only one "snide" remark from a PQ member, but otherwise has not sensed "the slightest trace of anti-Semitism . . . and I think I would if anyone would."

He has, however, received anonymous hate mail and calls that clearly pointed out his Jewishness.

Businessman and Jewish community leader Morton Brownstein, who took his case against the sign restrictions in Bill 101 all the way to the Supreme Court, says he still feels as strongly as ever that the language law is wrong.

"When a political leader denies the rights of the individual or creates second-class citizens, there is no telling what he will do next. It's dangerous.

"Besides, Bourassa lied to us publicly twice: during the 1986 election campaign when he promised to allow bilingual signs and again in 1988, when he said he would abide by the Supreme Court decision."

Brownstein, a supporter of the Equality Party, is no redneck or marginal member of the community. He's well-to-do, with a large chain of shoe stores; a past president of the Jewish General Hospital and active with Federation CJA, currently chairing its powerful multiple appeals committee.

He is fluently bilingual, and thinks English-speaking students should write their university entrance exams in French to ensure they are competent in the language. He wants Jewish children to leave school ready to use French daily.

He feels the PQ has dealt with anglos more honestly than the Liberals. But French does not have to be promoted by denigrating English, and hence the community that speaks it, he says.

"If the referendum vote in Quebec is 60-40 Yes, we are far from out of the woods," he says.

The vote will have to be at least 70 percent in favor for Quebec politicians to feel "secure enough" to restore English language rights and to encourage anglos to stay, he thinks.

As long as English has unequal status in Quebec, Brownstein believes there will be no true equality of job opportunities. The human resource managers at most big corporations are French-Canadian today; this, he feels, gives French-Canadians an edge in being hired.

But Brownstein denies anti-Semitism is an issue, and thinks the community has "very close and compatible" relations with francophones, especially among those under 50. "The ignorance and confrontation of the past does not exist at all."

One indication he has that many who left Quebec would like to come back is at the hospital. "Every time there is an opening for a chief, we get several applications from former Montrealers, usually those who are living in the United States."

Robert Libman

Political instability and fears of increasing nationalism are factors in decisions by Jews to leave Quebec, says Arthur Hiess, founder and president of the Canadian Institute on Minority Rights.

"These fears are largely unfounded. Rationally, there is no evidence for fear."

Hiess, a consultant for small and medium-sized businesses seeking government grants, worked for eight years as director of the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights Eastern Region. "Quebec's attitude to minorities has evolved a long way in the last 10-15 years, whether its the Liberals or PQ," he believes. "The spectre of retrograde nationalism is something of the past.

"It's no longer acceptable in Quebec society to be anti-Semitic, at least openly. A politician can't run on that stripe anymore."

He puts more fault on the Jewish community leadership. "The community has largely failed to provide the leadership necessary to steer us through difficult times."

He thinks the generous funding Jewish schools and health care institutions receive from the government has been a double-edged sword, leaving the leadership afraid to be too outspoken about the rights of the community as a whole.

Hiess also thinks the community has not come fully to grips with what has taken place in Quebec. "There's been the presumption that the federal government will solve all our problems, that consitutional guarantees or protection will somehow be a replacement for social and political interaction with French-Canadians."

The Jewish community has been "living in a splendid isolation that has been a miserable failure" for too long, he thinks, and must find concrete ways of integrating with French-Canadians, either socially or at the business level.

"That a few Jewish community professionals can take care of (interaction) is an illusion."

As for discrimination against anglos, Hiess said he has seen none whatsoever against those seek government grants for their business. "You can do business with the Quebec government in any language."

A Sephardi perspective

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Quebec's Jewish community is often seen both inside and outside the province as anglophone. But the reality is that at least 20,000 — about 22 percent, the great majority Sephardi — use French as a first language.

Joseph Gabay, the president of the Communauté Sépharade du Québec, the main representative body of the Sephardim, thinks his community views political events in Quebec in a somewhat different way than their anglophone co-religionists.

Certainly, an exodus of Sephardim is not an issue. This community, predominantly Moroccan, is younger on average than than the Ashkenazim and has a higher birthrate.

The CSQ has teamed with Canadian Jewish Congress and Federation CJA to present a united stand on the future of Quebec to the government, but Gabay thinks Sephardim generally are not as acutely worried about national unity.

Cultural background, rather than language, may be the reason.

"The majority of our people come from countries where they were not used to being involved in politics. And being relatively new in this country, we have no political tradition here . . . Whatever the outcome (of the constitutional question), our main concern is that there be respect for human rights and the well-being and integrity of the Jewish people."

A united Canada offers greater assurance of political and social stability and is therefore favored by most Sephardim.

"We came to Canada because it was stable," he said. "No surprises."

Compared to the fervor many Sephardim witnessed in other countries, Quebec nationalism is mild. "The human quality of people in Canada is so developed that even nationalism has a certain fairness, decency, gentlemanliness . . . If the Parti Québécois is elected, I don't think there will be any panic."

Gabay thinks Sephardim, because they are francophone, can play an important role as a link between anglophone Jews and French Quebecers.

Gila Benesty Sroka is an anomaly among Sephardim. She's passionate about Quebec politics and an active PQ member. She believes Quebecers have the right to self-determination, although "I don't think they really want to be independent."

For 10 years, Sroka, 42, has published and edited *La Tribune Juive*, an independent French-language magazine in which she freely expresses her views. She is aware of only one other Sephardi PQ member.

A leftist by nature with an affection for Quebec culture, she says she finds the PQ more sympathetic to Jews than the Liberals and has no fears about nationalism.

There is anti-Semitism, but it is not related to nationalism, she thinks.

She describes herself as "a Jew first" and strong Zionist, before being a francophone.

Sroka feels she has been ostracized by the community "establishment" because of her politics and thinks that is their loss. "They don't understand what is going on in Quebec, or even among the grassroots of their own community."

Not all francophone Jews are Sephardi or as sanguine about the unfolding of events.

Julien Bauer, a French-born professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), feels strongly that anti-Semitism and racism is a problem in Quebec.

"There are two extremes of opinion that are both wrong. One is that Quebec is like pre-World War II Nazi Germany; the other, that we live on a paradise on earth where there is not the least racism.

"The truth is somewhere in between."

Bauer, who works in the midst of intellectual nationalists, says Quebecers tend to dismiss the seriousness of their racism.

"My first language is French, but to my colleagues I'm a Jew who happens to speak French — one of the good Jews. But I'm not one of them."

Bauer came to Quebec from France over 25 years ago. He is not sure he would get the job he has today. "Then there were hardly any French-Canadians with PhDs. All of my colleagues then were born somewhere else."

He teaches public administration and political science, including a course on Canadian and Quebec policies on minorities.

He finds Jews in Quebec are less vocal and "more afraid to be Jewish" than French Jews.

"Rightly or wrongly, Québécois see themselves as victims of the anglos, therefore, they can't see how they could be victimizers. Any such claims are viewed as unfair."

Jews tend to be seen as "part of an Anglo-Saxon, federalist plot."

Acceptance of the constitutional deal, Bauer says, will not stop the cycle of nationalism and political squabbles; the intensity will simply rise and fall every ten to 15 years or so.

Even if calm prevails, Bauer believes the out-migration of Jews will continue, as part of general westward movement of the North American population.

"Even without political uncertainty, I think in 50 years there will be only about 40,000 Jews in Montreal."

The chances for employment of well-educated young Jews in Quebec are dimming. "The public service is de facto French-Canadian, whatever claims of affirmative action are made, and Jews aren't considered a minority anyway."

The perception that big companies, even multi-nationals, favor French-Canadians in hiring has truth to it, Bauer thinks, as French-Canadians seek to advance economically. "You may speak French, but if your name is not French-Canadian . . . "

Retaining young people remains priority

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Of all the issues confronting Montreal Jewry, none has become more central than the future of its young adults.

With good reason. Many of this community's young people, after all, were among the thousands who took to the 401 and other highways and byways, in the wake of the 1976 Parti Québécois victory and in the subsequent years of political uncertainty and economic decline.

Attend any community lecture in Montreal, and the evidence is all too clear — stark, but no longer startling: the elderly fill the seats, while their children and grandchildren call them from Toronto, Phoenix, Vancouver and Los Angeles.

The statistics that are available confirm the impression.

According to Charles Shahar, Federation CJA's demographer, the community lost about 8,000 young people aged 15 to 24 between 1971 and 1986. In 1971, they made up 18.2 percent of the total Jewish population; by 1986, only 13.4 percent. Accurate figures for subsequent years will not be available until the 1991 Canadian census figures are analyzed and released in 1993.

Community addressing decade-old problem

Yet, at the same time, the community is holding out hope that there remains not only a possible future for the Jewish community, but a vital one — *if* —Montreal can keep its remaining young, and even attract young Jews to the province.

Over the last several months, the Montreal Jewish community, only now beginning to fully address a problem a decade and a half old, has created ProMontréal, an ambitious, multi-faceted initiative to retain its young adults (18 to 40) and to promote "community continuity."

Almost to a person, those involved with the project express optimism and confidence that jobs and Montreal's "quality of life," a phrase heard repeatedly during interviews, will keep young, bilingual and committed Jews in Montreal.

But for younger anglophone Jews, all bets are off until the "situation" in Quebec resolves itself. In interviews, all express a desire, preference and even a commitment to stay. But it is a qualified one. Jobs are their chief concern, but no one was willing to commit to staying if, under the worst case scenarios, Quebec were to separate, the Parti Québécois were returned to power, or even if the referendum were to fail.

The spur to what became ProMontréal was a December 1990 survey of Canadian Jews, sponsored by the CRB Foundation and conducted by the Goldfarb polling firm. Within this survey, Federation CJA (then Allied Jewish Community Services) added some questions specifically for the 352 Montreal respondents.

The results alarmed community leadership: 40 per cent of those surveyed did not expect to be living in Montreal five years later. Of even more concern were the responses from the 112 in the 20 to 40 age group: 52 percent expressed doubt that they would stay.

In the spring of 1991, Susan Levine, a member of Federation CJA's executive, initiated a series of three informal meetings between parents and their young adult children to discuss "at a community level," Quebec's and their own futures and what the community might do to address their concerns.

They evolved into a series of 18 informal parlor meetings, co-ordinated by the federation's Young Adult Division (YAD), with small groups of 15 to 20 young adults aged 25 to 40. The most concrete part of these meetings was a "discussion point" questionnaire eventually distributed to some 500 respondents.

The questionnaire had only nine questions, but they were the right ones. They included:

- What reason would influence you to depart, if you are thinking of leaving Quebec?
- Where do you see yourself in five years?
- What do you think you'd be giving up (or gaining) if you leave Quebec?
- Are young adults in our community receiving sufficient education in the French language to adapt them to live and to work in Quebec? If not, what might be done?

At the end of September 1991, after digesting the results, YAD came up with specific recommendations in three main areas: employment, French-language programs, and Jewish community promotion and advocacy.

These recommendations, early in 1992, formed the basis for a federation task force on community continuity, chaired by Levine and businessman Steven Cummings, which became ProMontréal.

In May, it came out officially with its ultimate objectives: to promote the positive aspects of Montreal's Jewish and general life; to stimulate positive attitudes about Quebec and its French language and culture; to reach out and sensitize the community regarding its future viability; to involve young people in the federation; and to encourage jobs and business opportunities for young people.

The six committees charged with implementing these goals are getting down to brass tacks: they include separate, organized structures for career opportunities, francisation, communications, outreach, social interaction, and political advocacy.

Businessman Stanley Plotnick, who with accountant Robert Zittrer presides over the career committee, outlined a number of specific strategies for ProMontréal's top priority — to find jobs for recent graduates. "In the end," Plotnick says, "if there is no job in your chosen career, you're going to leave, whether the political situation is stable or unstable."

The strategies within the committee include a "job pledge" campaign in which Jewish employers are approached to commit positions to career seekers; regular, "massive" mailings to young graduates listing available positions; free classified "jobs wanted" ads in *The Canadian Jewish News*; a synagogue appeal timed with the High Holy Days; and expanded linkage with the Contact program of Jewish Vocational Services, a decade-old service linking recent Jewish graduates with potential Jewish employers. Contact itself was launched as a reaction to the outflow of younger Jews from Quebec and was originally called the Youth Retention Project.

Fluency in French is now a must

Other aspects of the youth retention campaign related to ProMontréal include a new, student federation within Federation CJA, created to allow young people, while still students, "to take the future of the Jewish community in their own hands," Plotnick said.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region, is getting involved as well in the ProMontréal agenda by creating a youth sub-committee within its community relations committee. Montreal Mayor Jean Doré also met with ProMontréal leaders and promised to lend moral and possibly concrete support to the community's cause.

Community figures both within and without ProMontréal express differing levels of optimism on whether the initiative will succeed.

Levine, for one, thinks it will. "What are we supposed to do, give up? I couldn't live with that. You cannot just sit back and do nothing."

Plotnick bluntly says parents must carry a share of the blame for encouraging their children to leave, creating a snowball effect and sacrificing the Jewish community's "best and brightest." The outflow has slowed, in part because those still here are more committed to staying and partly because job prospects aren't much better outside the province, but "it is continuing." Part of ProMontréal's agenda, he notes, is for members of the Jewish community over age 40 to appreciate Montreal's quality of general and Jewish life and to encourage their offspring to stay.

He hopes ProMontréal will succeed and is optimistic about Quebec's future, but he isn't placing any bets. He thinks ProMontréal "should have been started five years ago."

French facility, of course, is a second, major issue. While the Jewish community is commonly touted as the most bilingual cultural community in the province, in fact, among many younger anglophone Jews, French-language proficiency is often more functional than fluent, and short of the nuanced ability required within professional fields. According to the CRB Foundation/Goldfarb poll, only 55 per cent of Montreal Jews claim French fluency.

Plotnick says young anglophone Montreal Jews are more and more bilingual. They realize they have to be.

David Mendelson, director of the Jewish Vocational Service, confirms this. "The owner of a large firm may be Jewish, but the middle manager may be a French Canadian. By this time, you know you must be bilingual."

Levine goes even further. "If they don't speak French, maybe they don't want to stay that badly," she said.

For Montreal's younger francophone Jews, of course, language proficiency is not an issue.

By and large, said Joseph Gabay, president of the Communauté Sépharade du Québec, young Sephardic Jews are not leaving Quebec and, while overwhelmingly federalist, are in general less anxious about the situation here. ProMontréal has members of the Sephardic community on its various committees, but for all intents, its chief target group is anglophone.

Mark Zarecki, director of Hillel House, who in his 18 years there has befriended thousands of Jewish CEGEP and university-age students — anglophone and francophone — feels that Jewish young anglophones, compared to francophones, are less prepared to make a "long-term" commitment to stay.

Like other community figures, Zarecki said the general economic situation — not politics — is the chief concern of Jewish students.

At least at the university level, he said, Jewish students are coming into the province in possibly record numbers, and he even knows of cases of Ontario students who deliberately come to Quebec to learn French.

Zarecki also thinks that ProMontréal could change attitudes and is worthwhile if it results in even 100 new jobs a year.

ProMontréal leaders such as Plotnick, of course, do not hesitate to boost Montreal even to the point of putting down the city at the other end of the 401. Toronto, he says, "has nowhere near the quality of Jewish community as here, nowhere near the quality of life."

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Yom Kippur a time to repent, improve ways

By RABBI AARON LEVINE

Yom Kippur — the holiest day of the year! Most of us who have any attachment whatsoever to our Jewish heritage spend anywhere between 12 to 18 hours in shul. What is our main task during these hours? Supposedly we should have been preparing for this day for the past 39 days. Neilah will be the concluding service of the five that were conducted. There we shall implore the Master of the Universe — *chasmeinu*, seal us in the Books of Life, Salvation, Sustenance, Merits, Forgiveness.

But to get to that stage we must reflect carefully at each of the al cheit (and for the sin) confessionals. As we enumerate each category, we must regret our transgression, think of concrete ways to improve, and resolve to do better in the year ahead of us.

The baalei mussar (the masters of ethical teachings) tell us that in order for one to internalize and totally absorb a concept, it helps to conjure up in one's mind a vivid picture of the lesson to be mastered. If you want to get something out of Yom Kippur, concentrate fully on the amazing story I am about to tell you; pretend you are there; see the drama unfolding, and let its powerful message envelop you. We shall adapt the last part to suit our needs of the moment.

Total silence in heaven

A man was beset with many pains and sufferings. Sickness afflicted both him and his family, he had a very meagre livelihood, and other difficulties and problems were his lot in life. One day he informed his wife that he was going to travel to the tzaddik and kabbalist, Rabbi Sholom Shrabi, to seek advice as to how he could perhaps improve his situation.

When he arrived at the rabbi's home, he was asked to please wait until the rabbi would be able to meet with him. He seated himself on an armchair, and being exhausted from the trip, soon fell into a deep sleep. And he had the following dream.

He found himself reaching Heaven, on a path that was absolutely desolate. Total silence blanketed that place. Slowly, he pressed forward on the path before him. Suddenly, he was aware of a large carriage beside him, filled with angels, dazzling white as snow. The carriage zoomed by and was soon out of sight. Silence once again, and the man continued on his way. Soon after, another carriage passed by, then many others; all filled with dazzling white angels; some big and strong, some small and puny. When the band of carriages carrying white angels ended, a giant band of carriages carrying frightening black angels began to whirl past him.

The sights he had just beheld aroused his curiosity. He hurried his steps and soon found himself at an enormously expansive plain, where all the carriages were stationed. The angels had alighted and were approaching a giant scale in the centre of the plain. The white angels began to enter one pan of the huge scale; the black angels, the other pan. The man didn't understand what was going on until they explained to him that he was witnessing the Heavenly court in the midst of judging a man's deeds.

The Mishna says: "When a man does a mitzvah he acquires (creates) a defending angel; when he sins he acquires (creates) a prosecuting angel." (Avos, 4:11). They explained to him that all the angels were created from the deeds of the man being judged. The strong, robust, and heavy white angels were created from mitzvahs that were performed perfectly. The small, light, and puny ones — from mitzvahs created imperfectly. The strong and robust black angels were created from sins that were done intentionally and with a strong desire; the small and puny black angels were created from unintentional sins and sins that were performed accidentally or under duress.

After this explanation, his glance fell on the sides of the chariots that were stationed there. He observed that, painted on the sides of the chariots, were identifying mitzvahs or sins. On the chariots from which the white angels had alighted, were painted different signs: Torah study; Prayer; Honor and Respect of parents; Acts of Kindness; Shabbos Observance; Kashrus Observance, etc. On the chariots from which the black angels had alighted were: Bitul Torah; Loshon Horah; Shabbos Desecration; Eating treife food; Theft; Jealousy, etc.

The balance of the scale kept swaying up and down as different angels entered the two giant pans. The man became curious to know who was being judged. When they told him that it was he, himself, he became terrified. Most of the angels had climbed onto the scale, and the balance was tipping in favor of the black ones. He realized that if this was the final balance, then he would be judged a wicked man and his end would be very bitter.

The scale was still. A voice rang out, "Are there any more angels to come?" "No," came the response. "Perhaps there were pains and suffering," the voice rang out, "and if so we can add that to the merits of the man being judged." Immediately there was a great stir as a gigantic chariot filled with angels created from the man's sufferings pulled into the plain. For each angel of suffering, they took off the balance many black angels of sin, for suffering eradicates sin. (Talmud, Brochos 5a).

For the moment the scales of balance began to swing again. Each angel of suffering cancelled out many angels of sin. The pans were almost equally balanced. They had brought forward the last angel of suffering, but still the scale tipped very slightly to the black side. The man was petrified. Soon the judgment would be announced, and the balance was not in his favor. In his distress he screamed out, "Bring upon me a few more sufferings."

Man awoke

From the noise of the scream, the man awoke from his dream. Rabbi Shrabi and his family, alarmed by the scream, ran to his side and asked what happened. Only now he realized that it had all been a dream. He arose from the armchair and made his way to the door.

"But you travelled all the way here to speak to the rabbi," called out the rebbetzin (the Rabbi's wife).

"There is no longer any need," the man replied, "I received the appropriate answer from Heaven."

Let us adapt the ending for ourselves on Yom Kippur. We don't want the sufferings but there is another chariot of angels that we can summon to help us. The angels of teshuva, repentance. As we reflect on each category of sin-regret, repent, and resolve — we create a defender that will wipe out an entire wagonful of angels of that sin.

There's much to ponder, much to reflect upon, lots of work to be done — in fact we'll find that there's not enough time during those eighteen precious hours of Yom Kippur. Let's utilize every moment and rejoice at the end of the fast. Not only because we can now eat, but much more importantly, because we emerge as new people, ready to start a fresh year unfettered by sin and confident that we have been blessed with the Almighty's bounty of blessing for all that we wish ourselves.

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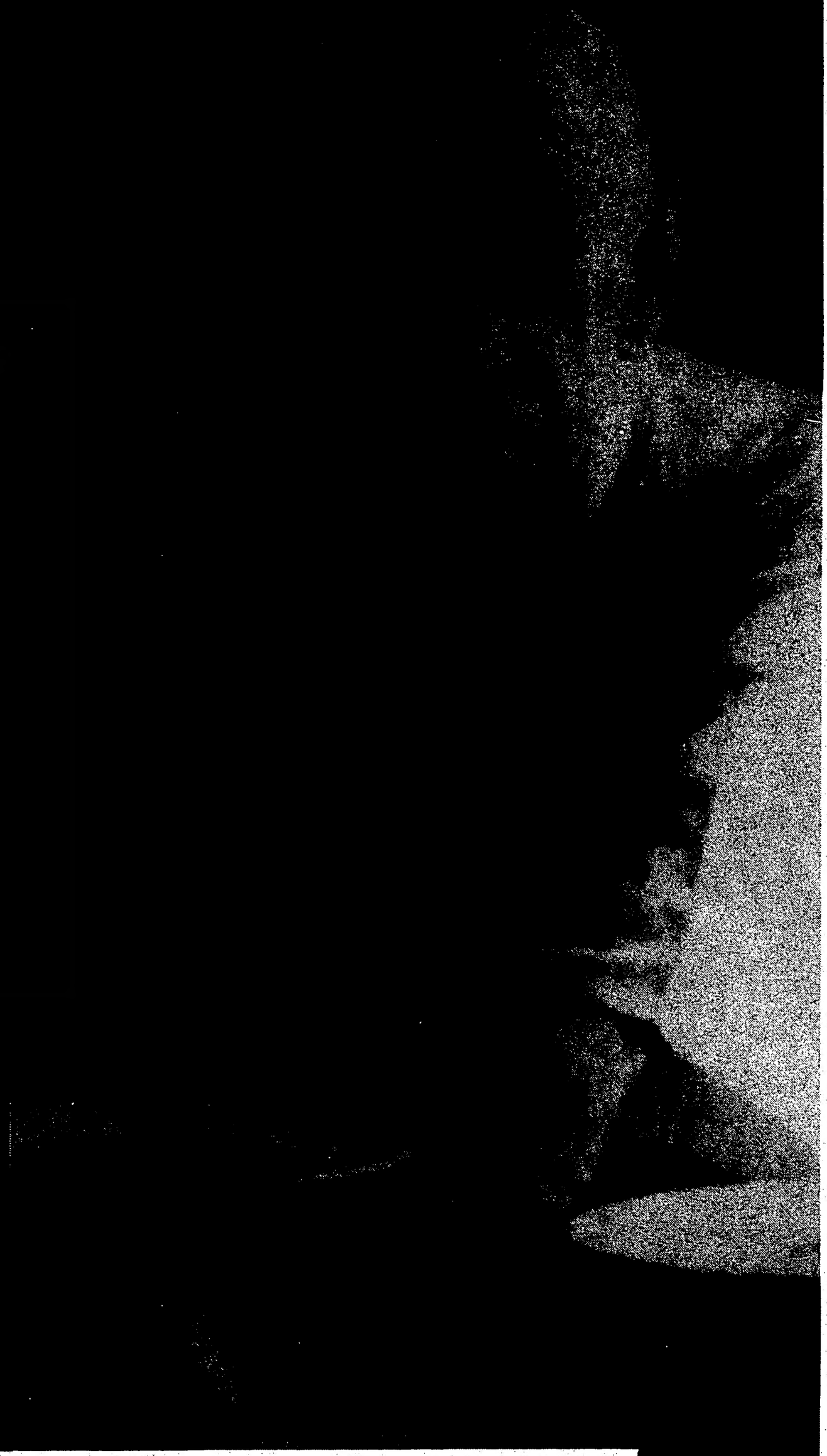

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Jewish ex-employee alleges anti-Semitism at ScotiaMcLeod

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Executives of ScotiaMcLeod Inc. were scrambling to contain the damage created in the wake of a recent *Globe and Mail* story which reported incidents of anti-Semitism in the firm's subsidiary's office in New York.

Jewish organizations denounced an anti-Semitic epithet which was attributed to an employee of the New York office and which was allegedly repeated by a senior executive. The remark referred to a Jewish employee as "one that Hitler missed."

Both Canadian Jewish Congress and ScotiaMcLeod CEO Austin Taylor said they had received a number of calls from investors concerned about the anti-Semitic statement. Taylor said he sought the advice of pollster Martin Goldfarb in how to proceed. He and company president Gordon Cheesbrough devoted all their time in the days following the story to talking with investors to allay their concerns, Taylor said, adding they'd spoken to about 40 individuals.

One of the meetings took place at the Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Canada's largest Conservative congregation, which maintains an investment account with ScotiaMcLeod.

Austin and Cheesbrough also met with a four-man delegation from Congress, which expressed its outrage at the New York incident.

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, wrote to C.E. Ritchie, chairman and CEO of the Bank of Nova Scotia, ScotiaMcLeod's parent company, deploring the "viciousness of the remarks" and criticizing the trivialization of the issue by leading executives of the firms.

B'nai Brith spokesman Karen Mock called the reported epithets "absolutely unacceptable" and she asked B'nai Brith's sister organizaton in the United States, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), to take up the cause of ex-ScotiaMcLeod employee Simon Israel, who is engaged in a closed-door hearing before the New York Stock Exchange over his dismissal.

Gerda Frieberg, chairman of Congress' Ontario region, said Congress expressed its outrage at the incidents of anti-Semitism and racial and ethnic slurs against other minorities. She suggested that ScotiaMcLeod, if it wished to be a leader in the investment field, should "modify the culture that is reminiscent of frat house or locker room conversation" and which creates an atmosphere conducive for racial and ethnic slurs to surface.

Frieberg said Congress asked that disciplinary action be taken against the personnel who made and repeated the remarks but stressed the problem is a more systemic one.

John Pollock, president of the Beth Tzedec, said that the synagogue's executive committee met with Taylor and Cheesbrough at their request.

In their half-hour presentation, the two officers appeared "truly contrite," Pollock said. But he was "disappointed that they didn't do something tangible to show the employee the seriousness of the outburst.

"I note there is no change in the employment status" of the person making the slur, Pollock said.

"There is a feeling that the representatives of ScotiaMcLeod telephoned me for an appointment largely because it handles the synagogue investment account, which is not inconsiderable. If indeed this was the purpose of the meeting, then it could be for the purpose of damage control," Pollock said.

Littman, who also met with Taylor, later wrote to the CEO saying that despite ScotiaMcLeod's "prompt and earnest apology. . . something important is still missing. Namely, an apology to Simon Israel who was the subject of the anti-Semitic insults that caused so much distress. . .Without an apology, ScotiaMcLeod's response will smack more of damage control — and an attempt to isolate Israel — than genuine contrition."

Taylor told *The CJN* that ScotiaMcLeod views the matter as one of "the utmost seriousness." He said a memo had been circulated to all staff (after the news story appeared) referring to "an abhorent racial slur" in the New York office and to remind them of the company's policy recognizing "the dignity and worth of each member of our workforce and to provide for equal rights and opportunities without discrimination."

He said all employees since 1984 have been required to sign a document saying they'd read the company's anti-discrimination policy.

Taylor also pointed out that the ADL had been retained by ScotiaMcLeod to present a three-day course in mid-October to sensitize its employees about issues of discrimination.

Despite those steps, the man at the centre of the controversy remained unconvinced of the sincerity of the investment house's efforts to rectify the situation.

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Andrei Kozyrev

Jewish groups laud Russian minister

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) —

In what may be a sign of a new era at the United Nations, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev has won applause from Jewish groups for his appeal on behalf of minorities in the republics of the former Soviet Union.

The minorities he cited included Jews and ethnic Russians.

In his address last week to the UN General Assembly, Kozyrev singled out the situation in the newly independent republics of Estonia and Latvia.

In Estonia, elections were held in which 42 percent of the inhabitants were disqualified from voting, on the grounds that they were not native Estonians. Despite official denials of anti-Semitism, the estimated 3,500 Estonian Jews feel disenfranchised by the citizenship restrictions primarily aimed at Russians who settled in Estonia after its occupation by the Soviet Union in 1940.

A similar situation is developing in Latvia.

Kozyrev suggested the United Nations take a greater role in shepherding the former republics to independence, by reviving the old international trusteeship system.

"Today, ever more often one needs to counter aggressive nationalism that emerges as a new global threat," he said.

The linking of Russians and Jews — as well as Ukrainians and Byelorussians — as persecuted minorities deprived of their human rights, illustrates the radical changes in the world community, which are having their impact on the United Nations.

For a decade and a half, say Jewish UN watchers, the Soviet Union had kept the United Nations from dealing with Soviet rights violations by inciting anti-Israel passions and resolutions.

Now the heir to the Soviet seat at the United Nations finds itself making common cause with Israel.

Appropriately, the United Nations was also the site last week of another diplomatic advance between Russia and Israel, when Kozyrev and his Israeli counterpart, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, signed a memorandum of understanding outlining their goal of achieving closer ties between the two countries.

Peres also met with representatives from three other former Soviet republics, meetings he characterized as "fine and helpful."

"There's an exceptional atmosphere to Israel from all countries," said Peres. "There's a feeling that Israel took a serious step toward peace, and if there are problems, they are created more by the Arab situation than by the Israeli situation."

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Anatoly Zlemko told Peres that his country expects to send its first ambassador to Israel this month.

In his meeting with Peres, Zlemko said his country's minister of the environment had been selected to serve as ambassador, a move, he said, that reflected the importance Ukraine attaches to its relations with Israel.

Along those lines, work will begin soon on drafting joint economic, cultural, scientific and commercial agreements between the two countries.

The Ukrainian president is scheduled to visit Israel in late November or early December.

The Belarus foreign minister, Pyotr Kravhanka, expressed a similar desire for joint culture activities. He proposed publication of a trilingual edition of the poetry of Chaim Nachman Bialik.

Peres also met with the president of Armenia, Levon Ter-Petrossian.

Peres took the opportunity of his meeting with Canadian Foreign Minister Barbara MacDougall on Tuesday to express Israel's concern over the proposed Canadian sale of frigates to Saudi Arabia.

MacDougall responded that the decision to go ahead with the sale has not yet been finalized and that no contract has been signed.

In another sign of a warming diplomatic climate toward Israel, Peres said he met with the president of Cyprus and discussed the exchange of ambassadors.

Indian Foreign Minister Eduardo Faleiro assured Peres that his country's first ambassador to Israel will present his credentials next month. The two countries raised their relationship to full diplomatic ties in January.

Besides discussing India's role in the multilateral peace talks, and possibilities of joint agricultural and technological cooperation, Peres raised the issue of two Israeli youths imprisoned in India for possession of hashish. Faleiro said he would personally look into the cases of Noam Rosenberg and Amit Davidson.

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די ייִדישע קולטור־געזעלשאַפט וועט געשטיצט פינאַנציעל און מאָראַליש פון 15 ייִדישע פאָלקס אָרגאַניזאַציעס, לאַנדסמאַנשאַפטן, פריינד פון ייִדיש, און פון דער טאָראָנטער ייִדישער פעדעראַציע.

די צענטראַלע קערפערשאַפט, וואָס קאָ־אָרדינירט אַלע ייִדיש־טעטיקייטן ביי אונדז אין שטאָט איז דער קאָמיטעט פאַר ייִדיש ביי דער טאָראָנטער ייִדישער פעדעראַציע. באַזונדערס דערפאָלגרייך זיינען די עפּנטלעכע אונטערנעמונגען, ווואָס דער ייִדיש־קאָמיטעט פירט דורך: דער זומער־קאָנצערט אונטערן פרייען הימל; דער יאָרלעכער געדענק־אָוונט צו דער יאָרצייט פון די דערמאָרדעטע סאָוועטיש־ייִדישע שרייבערס דעם 12־טן אויגוסט; און דער ייִדיש־פראָגראַם בײַם יאָרלעכן בוך־יאָריד. לעצטן יאָר איז דורכגעפירט געוואָרן דער שלום־עליכם פראָיעקט צו דער 75־טער יאָרצייט נאָך דעם גענייַלן ייִדישן שרייבער. היינטיקס יאָר ווערט אין חודש נאָוועמבער דורכגעפירט ווערן אַ מענדעלע פראָיעקט צו דער 75־טער יאָרצייט נאָכן „זיידן" פון דער מאָדערנער ייִדישער ליטעראַטור, מענדעלע מוכר ספרים.

עס פונקציאָנירן אין טאָראָנטאָ אַ ריי קלובן, וואָס ווידמענען אַ גרויסן טייל פון זייערע אַקטיוויטעטן צו קולטור־אַרבעט אין ייִדיש. באַזונדערס צייכענען זיך אויס: דער „גאָלדן־עידזש" קלוב בײַם ציוניסטישן אַרבעטער־פאַרבאַנד אין באָראָכאָוו צענטער; דער קולטור־קלוב בײַם „בערנאַרד ביטעל צענטער פאַר קריעיטיוו ליווינג"; און דער לעצטנס אָרגאַניזירטער בני ברית ייִדיש ליטעראַרישער קרייז „ייִדיש לשון", אָנגעפירט פון דעם שרייבער אַריעל קאָפראָוו.

די פראָגראַמען בײַ די קלובן באַשטייען פון פאָרלעזונגען, דיסקוסיעס און רעציטאַציעס. ייִדישע ימים־טובֿים ווערן געפייערט יעדעס יאָר ביי ספּעציעלע אונטערנעמונגען. ווײַטיק איז דער פאַקט, וואָס די קלובן אין טאָראָנטאָ פירן אָן זייערע אונטערנעמונגען אין אונדזער מאַמע לשון, ייִדיש.

ייִדישע מאַמער־גרופּע אין מאָנטרעאַל פייערט 36־טן יובילי

די ייִדישע טעאַטער־גרופּע פון מאָנטרעאַל, געגרינדעט אין אָנגעפירט פון דאָרא וואַסערמאַן, צייכנט איצט אָפּ 36 יאָר עקזיסטענץ. דער סיידי בראָנפמאַן צענטער, וואו די טעאַטער־גרופּע פירט אויף אירע פאָרשטעלונגען, פייערט הייַנטיקס יאָר דעם 25־טן יובילי פון עקזיסטענץ. אָט־די געמיינאַמע שמחה וועט געפייערט ווערן סוף־וואָך פון פרייטיק, דעם 6־טן נאָוועמבער ביז זונטיק, דעם 8־טן.

פרייטיק, נאָוו. 6, 8 אָוונט, קומט פאָר אַן ערנסט שבת אין סיידי בראָנפמאַן צענטער: **שבת פרי, דעם 7־טן נאָוועמבער וועט סטענלי אַשער אָנפירן מיט אַ קאָלעקטיוון שפּאַציר איבער דעם אַמאָליקן ייִדישן טייל פון מאָנטרעאַל: דעם זעלבן אָוונט, 8 אזייגער, וועט פאָרקומען די גאַלאַ־פּרעמיערע פון י. ל. פרץ'עס „דער אַרעמאַר". דאָס איז די ערשטע פאָרשטעלונג, וואָס די טעאַטער־גרופּע האָט אויפגעפירט מיט 36 יאָר צוריק (ביי איר גרינדונג) אין דער פאָלקס־שולע; זונטיק, נאָוועמבער 8, 10 פרי — אַ יום־טוב־דיקער פרישטיק אין דער געביידע פון דער פאָלקס־שולע, 5170 וואַן האָרן.**

ייִדן פון מאָנטרעאַל און אויך פון אויסערן שטאָט, זיינען אייגעלאַדן זיך צו באַטיליקן אין דעם פייערלעכן קולטור סוף־וואָך.

Canada

ScotiaMcLeod launches campaign to control damage

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Israel, a former assistant vice-president of ScotiaMcLeod (USA) Inc., the U.S.-based subsidiary of ScotiaMcLeod, said the Toronto head office had for months not done enough to correct the situation.

Israel, 37, said the first incident dates back to September 1989 when an executive of ScotiaMcLeod repeated the Hitler statement that had been made by another employee about a Jewish member of the firm. (Taylor disputes that chronology, saying the remark was likely made in March 1990.) Israel said the comment troubled him deeply.

He also said that he experienced several incidents of harassment, including circulation by an employee of a poem mocking him shortly after his mother's death in January 1990.

Israel said that after he asked his superior to investigate the incident about the Hitler remark (while declining to make a formal, written complaint) his superior asked him to apologize to the co-worker for making the allegations.

"I was stunned when he told me to apologize. It was incredible," Israel said. "A Jew should apologize to the anti-Semite? It's ridiculous."

In June 1990, he brought the matter to Taylor's attention. But, Israel said, no one was ever disciplined or reprimanded for making the comment.

"It wasn't an offensive statement," Israel said. "It was a menacing statement."

Another offensive statement was made around January 1991 by a securities trader to a different Jewish employee, Israel said. Remarking about the employee's new beard, the trader said: "The beard makes you look more Chassidic. Does that mean you are going to smell like one?"

That incident, along with the "Hitler remark," another remark in which a Toronto trader used the word "nigger" as well an anti-Sicilian comment attributed to Israel (one Israel vehemently denies), were quoted in a report prepared by Russell Juriansz, a Toronto lawyer and former director of the legal branch of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, who had been retained by ScotiaMcLeod to investigate events in the New York office.

When asked if the employee who originally made the "Hitler remark" was ever disciplined, Taylor told *The CJN* that an executive (who, the report stated, may have repeated the statement to other executives) spoke to the employee and told her "it was a dreadful thing to say and that she shouldn't have said it."

Taylor also said he personally apologized to Israel in 1990 — not for any specific remark, but due to the "horseplay" and racial discrimination Israel complained about.

When asked if he inquired at that time what discrimination Israel referred to, Taylor said he did not ask for specifics.

Israel said he declined to co-operate with Juriansz's inquiry, which was ordered in February, 1991, because he had already been asked by Taylor to resign (in January) and felt the report would "whitewash" the corporation and be used as a basis to fire him.

In his report, Juriansz found that Israel had been the target of "teasing and horseplay" but which could not be attributed to Israel's background.

The report also found that "ethnic and anti-Semitic comments have been made in the workplace that have offended some employees."

Israel has issued a statement of claim about his dismissal, claiming breach of contract and a violation of New York and federal civil rights laws, as well as claiming damages for defamation.

Under terms of an employment contract which most securities firms require their staff to sign, disputes must be taken to arbitrators, who are industry insiders.

Last week, the arbitration panel of the New York Stock Exchange Inc. granted an ADL motion to act as Israel's counsel and it adjourned the hearing to mid October despite objections from ScotiaMcLeod's lawyers, said Jeffrey Sinensky, national director for civil rights for the ADL.

Sinensky noted that the ADL was first contacted by ScotiaMcLeod to hold an anti-discrimination program one day after story ran in *The Globe and Mail*.

CONSUL-GENERAL MOVES IN

Dror Zeigerman (second from right), Israel's new Consul-General in Toronto, holding 3-year-old son Ya'ar, affixes mezuzah on door of his new residence. Assisting the consul-general is Rabbi Yossi Yarmush of Chabad Lubavitch. Looking on is Moshe Ronen, a Canadian Jewish Congress national and Ontario Region officer. [Graphic Arts photo]

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World

E.C. plans to upgrade relations with Israel

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) —

The European Community has agreed to launch a series of talks aimed at upgrading its relationship with Israel.

This promise was won by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Sept. 21, after a first-ever meeting between a high-ranking Israeli official and the 12 E.C. foreign ministers.

It was the biggest breakthrough to emerge so far from the flurry of meetings that Peres has been holding with international diplomats in recent weeks.

The discussions regarding Israel's status with the Common Market would be the first such review since 1975, when the E.C. and Israel signed a free-trade agreement. Subsequent requests by Israel for closer links with the E.C. have, until now, been rebuffed.

And while Peres did not receive a direct reply to his request that Israel be admitted to the Western European and Others bloc at the United Nations, there was a sense that the request would be seriously, and favorably, considered.

Admission to the bloc would, among other things, enable Israel to campaign for a seat in the UN Security Council.

Improved ties with the E.C. hold out the promise of many benefits for Israel, diplomatically and economically. The improved prospects were exciting enough for Israeli officials last week to point publicly to this diplomatic advance as the first concrete dividend from Israel's new positions on the peace talks.

The talks with the E.C. are set to begin almost immediately between lower-level officials, with Peres and his senior counterparts expected to join in within weeks.

While Israel does not expect to become a full member of the E.C., Peres said he told acting U.S. Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger that it aspired to a status similar to that given the six European Free Trade Association countries. Those countries, which have close economic ties with the E.C., will not be a party to the political and monetary agreements envisioned in the proposed European unity treaty.

Israel has also expressed a willingness to allow the Europeans a greater role in the peace process.

"Europe should have a practical role, not just a rhetorical role, in the peace talks," Peres told reporters.

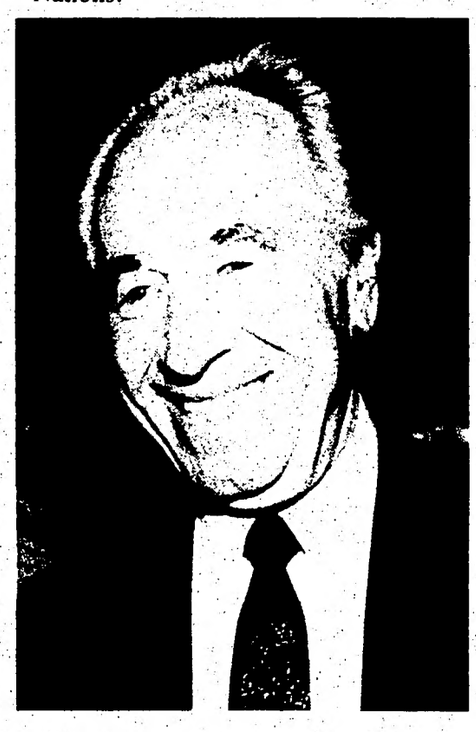
He said he spoke with the Europeans, and with Eagleburger on Sept. 22, about "breathing life" into the multilateral talks, in which the Europeans participate. He said he discussed the possibility of European funding for a proposed Middle East development bank.

Peres said his desire for a stronger European presence in the peace talks was well received by Eagleburger. This, said an Israeli official, was a departure from the previous American attitude of coolness toward the European presence, an attitude held as well by Israel's former Likud government.

Asked whether he thought Israel would be able to stop the annual flow of anti-Israel resolutions at the United Nations, Peres replied, "You can't change everything.

"I'm more interested in peace, in how to build a new Middle East, than to change UN resolutions. I want to spend the energy there."

Eagleburger also reiterated American support for the Israeli drive to join the Western European bloc at the United Nations.



Shimon Peres

Last week, Assistant Secretary of State John Bolton told the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations that the United States is working with members of the bloc who are sympathetic to Israel's position to press for Israel's acceptance on a temporary basis.

"Israel is the only member nation of the UN that has not been accepted by a regional body," said Bolton, who heads the State Department's Bureau of International Organization Affairs.

The Arab members of the Asian bloc have prevented Israel's membership there.

European resistance to Israel's request reflects both fear in some quarters of Arab reaction, and the reluctance of states to dilute their influence in the bloc by allowing new members.

Also, until this year, Israel has not pushed the issue, both because the blocs are not part of the formal structure of the United Nations and because until very recently, Israel was shunned as a pariah by most member states.

Beyond the practical value of the move, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin last week told the World Jewish Congress that Israel's acceptance into the regional bloc would demonstrate to the Israeli public that the United Nations, like the rest of the world, has changed its attitudes toward the Jewish state.

Beilin also was told by Conference of Presidents Chairman Shoshana Cardin that the conference and its member organizations would press Israel's case with friendly governments.

Delegations from the conference are meeting with various visiting foreign ministers and UN delegations to urge them to act on this promptly.

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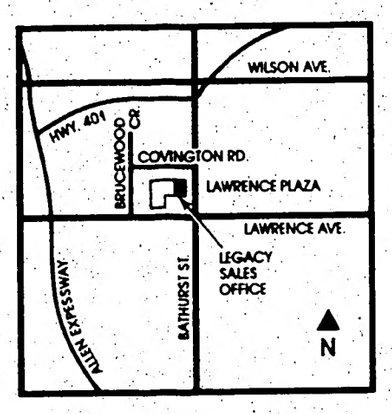

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Front Line

Global, local changes create new chances for peace

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

The memories of Yom Kippur 1973 are very much alive these days and they color the impact of the recent negotiations with Syria in different ways. Some remember the rapid advance of Syrian armor and the naked exposure of Israel's north during the first days of combat. Others remember the quick evacuation of the Golan settlers, less numerous than today, to safety. All remember the enormous number of casualties and unprecedented material losses on both the Egyptian and Syrian sectors of that most tragic of all Israeli wars.

In 1974, under the vigorous engagement of the United States, agreements for the separation of forces in the Sinai and on the Golan were achieved. The accord with Egypt led to the peace treaty with that country four years later, while there was no political sequence between Israel and Syria. But the new demarcation lines on the Golan held solidly with no incidents there for the next 18 years and survived yet another military confrontation during the Lebanese War of 1982. It saw the Syrian anti-aircraft infrastructure destroyed and President Assad's air force and armor decimated by the Israeli offensive. But then the Soviet Union rapidly replaced the Syrian losses again, modernized their air defences and reassured them of its ongoing support. But that was not to last.

The sudden collapse of the Communist empire left Syria in the cold, deprived of any reliable political and military backing. It had to seek acommodation at almost any cost with the United States, which had previously blacklisted it as a terrorist country. It even had to join the anti-Iraqi coalition to prove its redemption and new respectability.

Yeshayahu Anug

But when the Americans, eager to exploit their incomplete victory in the Gulf, managed to tow the parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict to the Madrid peace conference, the Syrian performance there was repulsive. During the few bilateral meetings that followed in the wake of Madrid between all the various delegations, nothing productive happened anywhere. But the Syrian-Israeli meetings became absurd exchanges in pompous rhetorics and invectives. For his part too, Israel's chief spokesman during the time had no difficulty in more than matching the talents of his Syrian counterpart.

Then two unrelated developments brought about a meaningful new start in both atmospherics and content of the Israeli-Syrian contacts. Israel had its elections and fresh instructions were carried to the Washington meetings by the urbane new head of the Israeli team. At the same time, the American administration, operating under the stress of the forthcoming presidential elections and eager to register some badly needed political credits pulled useful strings in both Jerusalem and Damascus.

A more promising attempt to bring Israel and Syria closer is now under way. Not all its details have been revealed. What is known is confusing or, at least, puzzling. A grossly simplified but nonetheless fair description of the two declared positions reads as follows: For full peace, Israel seems ready for a partial withdrawal from the present lines on the Golan, while for full withdrawal from the Golan, Syria appears willing to offer some sort of partial peace. This looks like a perfect non-starter — but then, it is not the last word by either side. Neither party can expect full satisfaction and if the talks will continue, some sort of compromise should be possible to achieve.

But peace talks are not going on only between Israel and Syria. As the month of October is the last before the U.S. elections, something sensational could still happen to help the president, but in the meantime let's sum up the general picture: The changing world situation, as well as political developments in the region, have unfrozen the Mideastern deadlock and are slowly moving the parties from their rigid past positions into the unpredictable path of change. Whether all this and valuable incentives from the outside world will be sufficient to transform the relative flexibility into binding settlements — is still an open question.

The Israeli-Palestinian talks are hampered by two things: the unattractive offer of Palestinian autonomy and by the fact that the present Palestinian negotiations have no real mandate to negotiate and speak with authority for a confused and frustrated community manipulated by rival political forces at home and abroad. Under the circumstances there is little incentive for Israel to try unilateral gestures vis a vis the Palestinians. These talks have thus been moved to the back-burner for the time being and the Syrian-Israeli agenda has reached centre stage. The fresh Israeli approach to the issue is opening new chances of progress. The onus to reciprocate in moderation is now in the Syrian court. Unlike Prime Minister Rabin, President Assad has no divided public opinion to watch and reassure at home, and can make difficult decisions and see them through.

The international environment is now auspicious for Mideastern pacification and likely to assist, both politically and economically, in its promotion. Superpower rivalry is practically non-existent in the area after the neutralization of the Soviet factor. For as long as the foreign policy of Russia remains co-operative, the promotion of a U.S.-sponsored settlement can go on unopposed and eventually succeed. Whether President Bush is returned to the White House or replaced by Governor Clinton, American interests in this part of the world will remain the same and no long hiatus in the peace process is to be expected.

In conclusion — a convergence of local and global factors has now created new opportunities. Despite new perspectives, there can be no valid prognosis at this stage. But it seems that for the first time in years, the parties have been compelled to look straight at the options before them and at the risks and costs of the choice they will have to make.

Nobody can read the minds of Israel's neighbors, but as far as Israel is concerned, it is proper and painful to reflect on the paralysing elation that prevailed after the striking victory of 1967, when imaginative political thinking was practically frustrated. Then came Yom Kippur 1973.

Settlement leaders trying to improve their image

BY HERB KEINON

The image is familiar. A kippa-wearing settler, standing atop a wind-swept hill, quotes Deuteronomy to variously stake, legitimize and solidify his claim to the territories of Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

For the 17 years since Gush Emunim burst onto the scene, the settlement movement - justifiably or not - has been symbolized by this image of the Bible-thumping, Uzi-toting, world-opinion-be-damned homesteaders. The Moshe Levingers, the Daniella Weisses, the Hebron settlers.

In the process, said settlement activist Yehiel Leiter, "we have become one of the most maligned groups of people in the world. We are seen as land usurpers, obstacles to peace, messianistic troublemakers."

During the heady days of Likud rule, when government money was guaranteed and the settlers were more concerned with "creating facts" than with public opinion, this image didn't matter to them all that much.

These were the days when "People against hostile media" bumper stickers were widespread in the settlements, and when a common attitude among settlement leaders was, "Let *The New York Times* print whatever it wants. What's important is what's happening on the ground."

Now, with work on the ground frozen, workshops are being held at settlements to teach residents how to handle the press. More and more settlement leaders realize that public opinion here and abroad may be critical factors in whether they hold on to their homes. What is printed in *The New York Times* and popular Hebrew dailies has taken on great importance. Since peace talks opened in Madrid last year and with more signposts pointing toward a negotiated settlement, the movement has been reassessing its image, re-evaluating its arguments and re-examining what does and does not sell.

In the last couple of months, there has been a surge of public opinion-related activity in the settlement movement. Efforts are being made to set up a settlement lobby in Washington, Gush Emunim has made a comeback in the form of a mellower group called "Emunim," and an umbrella organization called One Israel has been formed with the hopes of becoming a mass protest movement with appeal to both religious and secular residents on both sides of the Green Line.

"Come Yom Kippur, every one who lives in the settlements has to add an additional verse to the 'we have sinned' litany," Leiter said. "We must all say, 'For the sin we committed against Thee by not properly explaining our position.' "

Now that the settlers are explaining their positions, the familiar "God gave this land to me" refrain is being heard less frequently.

"Our biggest mistake was that we didn't offer any alternative solutions for peace," said Leiter, head of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza's international task force. "We want to provide alternative solutions to autonomy so we are not portrayed as war mongers, hysterical messianists or fundamentalist fanatics who blindly ignore real politics."

On the eve of a recent trip to the United States to drum up support and raise money for the settlements, Leiter seemed to be rehearsing the message that he was to take with him. It was long on security reasons for holding on to the territories and short on reasons based on biblical imperatives.

Solutions like "Jordan is Palestine" and autonomy after annexation abounded, while names like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob seemed almost a second thought.

Asked to explain the change in emphasis, Leiter, speaking mainly of an American audience, said, "It's a matter of speaking to everyone in language he understands.

"The average Joe in Des Moines can understand that a country nine miles wide is not viable. If you can present him with a map of Milwaukee and show that it does not fit inside pre-1967 Israel - and these are terms he can relate to - then why do I have to say that God promised me the land? If I can argue on political, legal and strategic grounds, why bring in the biblical argument? We have to speak to the person in his vocabulary."

The same principle applies in Israel, according to Bob Lang, another settlements council spokesman. "You can't sell a religious belief to a country that is basically not religious. If I can give you 25 good reasons why we need to hold on to the settlements, why use the one argument that will cast me as a religious fundamentalist?"

A similar sentiment was echoed by a council official when discussing the recent rebirth of Gush Emunim, the ideological movement that has been moribund for the last five years.

"The message of Gush Emunim sells only to a religious audience," said the official, who did not want to be identified. "We want broader appeal. We want something that Raful [Rafael Eitan] can relate to, and that can be used to sway right-wing Labor MKs."

The concern with Emunim, the official said, is that it will have the same "right-wing, religious, extremist image as Gush Emunim," and alienate potential supporters.

But Noam Arnon, spokesman for Emunim, said it is a mistake to build a case for holding on to the territories solely on security arguments and downplay that "this is the land that was given to us, and where we became a People.

"Anyone who thinks that purely security arguments can sell need look no further than the Golan," Arnon said. "When you argue security, the counter argument will always be that certain security arrangements can be provided that will make up for territorial concessions. Eretz Yisrael is a value; security is a product. Products can be negotiated, values can't."

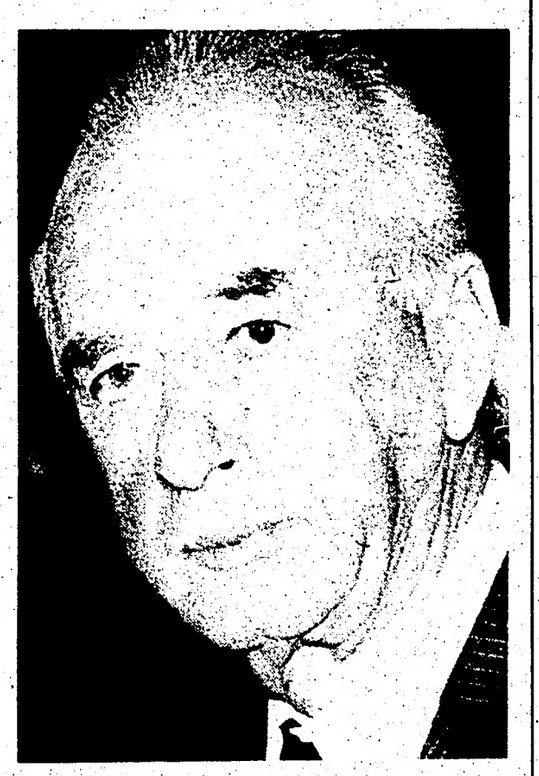
But even within Emunim, there is a realization that the settler needs a "softer" image.

This is what explains why Moshe Levinger and Daniella Weiss, both symbols of the Gush Emunim of days gone by, are not in Emunim's inner circle.

Seventeen years after the establishment of Gush Emunim, the movement has succeeded in creating facts on the ground. Now it is trying to make those facts palatable here and abroad. The question some of the leaders are now asking is whether they started this chore - largely ignored in the past - a bit too late. — *JPFS*

A Rosh Hashanah message from Prime Minister Rabin

The following is a Rosh Hashanah message from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.



"It is on an optimistic note that I extend my New Year's greetings to you. Rosh Hashanah, like all new years, is a time of beginnings. This Rosh Hashanah in particular, however, ushers in the beginning of a better future, as we embark on many new paths.

The collapse of the Soviet Union and the outcome of the Gulf War opened a unique window of opportunity for peace and development. During this next year, there is the real possibility that for the first time in the history of the state we shall see the beginnings of peace with all of our neighbors. We are examining every possible avenue of peace, and are working to develop normal relations on all of our frontiers.

We are not giving in to the demands of any party, but we are negotiating from a position of strength — the strength that we have finally succeeded in convincing our adversaries that coexisting is the only solution to our problems.

Security remains our primary concern. But security is more than defence, it is also economic security, social security, personal security. This year, we must work toward strengthening the nation and its people in all spheres. We are re-ordering our priorities to improve the daily lives of our citizens in the areas of education, health care, housing and employment, through the prudent investment of our national resources.

This year will be a year for restoring momentum to the ingathering of Jews from throughout the Diaspora. We have been granted a historic opportunity to fulfill the Zionist dream. But it now lies with us, the Jewish people, both within Israel and beyond, to enable those who wish to join us here in the building of the Jewish nation to utilize their valuable skills and talents.

To the entire House of Israel, may the coming year be one of peace, prosperity and fulfillment.

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Reason for hope

The Lebanese government has informed Israel that Ron Arad, an Israeli navigator shot down and captured in southern Lebanon six years ago this month, is alive. This is encouraging news. After a flurry pf activity on his behalf by Israel and the United Nations late in 1991 and earlier this year, nothing more has been heard of his whereabouts.

As a result of the latest development, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has strongly urged Lebanon to bring about his speedy release, while Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has raised the topic in a meeting with UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. In August, during a meeting with George Bush in Maine, Rabin extracted a promise from the American president that he, too, would do everything in his power to help.

Arad was taken prisoner after his Phantom jet was downed following a retaliatory raid in Lebanon. Israeli forces rescued the pilot, but Arad reportedly fell into the hands of Amal, the Lebanese Shi'ite militia. Subsequently, it is alleged, Arad wound up in Iran, an Islamic fundamentalist nation whose hostility toward Israel is boundless. Last week, after Lebanon's statement, Israeli officials were quoted as saying that Arad is being held by one of three militant movements in Lebanon which have mounted armed attacks against Israel, the Party of God, Islamic Jihad or the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth.

Whatever the case, Israel has had reason to believe that Arad is alive, and hopefully, in good health. In 1987, Arad's wife, Tami, received a letter from her husband via the Red Cross. Last year, while the last of the Western hostages in Lebanon were being freed, Israel was persuaded that Arad's release was within the realm of possibility. In that spirit, Israel released hundreds of Arab prisoners as a goodwill gesture to facilitate Arad's freedom. Bitterly enough, the hostage-takers, whomever they are, reneged on the understanding. So while American, British and German detainees were finally released from their hellish existence, Arad was left behind, but hardly forgotten.

It would be most appropriate if he could be freed now, in time to celebrate the New Year with his family and friends. But we should be realistic. Arad's captors are fanatics, and simple humanitarian appeals may not necessarily work. Nevertheless, Israel must continue to campaign ceaselessly to gain his release.

The file on Ron Arad should be closed on a positive note — the sooner, the better.

Lost communities

It has been noted by more than one observer that the Encyclopedia Judaica, published in Israel in the early 1970s, is in some ways, a multi-volumed epitaph for the lost Jewish communities of the Holocaust.

The Encyclopedia faithfully records the names of virtually every city, hamlet and shtetl which housed Jews until the arrival of the Germans. The separate entries also describe the fate, where possible, of those Jewish inhabitants who were swallowed up in the Nazi maelstrom.

Because of its alphabetical arrangement the Encyclopedia Judaica yields its information only to those who know the name of the village or town in question. Now that problem will be remedied, in part, by the opening at Yad Vashem on Oct. 3 of a new memorial commemorating European Jewish communities that were eradicated during the Holocaust.

Called The Valley of the Destroyed Communities, the memorial, under construction since 1983, will be operated as an addition to Yad Vashem and will supplement materials available at Israel's central depository for Holocaust documents. The new memorial has been carved out of a six acre site on the hills surrounding Yad Vashem.

The landscaping depicts a map of Europe and contains rock formations, some 30 feet high, containing the names of towns, cities and ghettoes in 22 different countries where Jews were victimized by Nazi barbarism. Audiovisual presentations will also be used to chronicle the histories of the individual destroyed communities.

In an age when Holocaust revisionists seek to rob Jews even of the memory of the departed martyrs of the Holocaust, Yad Vashem's new memorial will be a powerful reminder to Jews and others to remember a tragic past.

MCDOUGALL MEETS PERES

Canada's Secretary for State for External Affairs, Barbara McDougall (left) held talks in New York City last week with her Israeli counterpart, Shimon Peres. The 45-minute meeting centred on the bilateral peace talks between Israel and Syria and on the multilateral round of talks on the Mideast refugee problem, scheduled to re-convene in Ottawa next month.

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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SUPPORTS MAE WAESE

I was totally shocked at comments made about Mae Waese, *CJN*, Sept. 10, threatening her by inciting parents not to vote for her come election time because she abided by her commitment to her employer, the school board.

As a chairman and trustee of long standing, would you have her branded because of her faith?

She was not elected year after year, because she was a Jew. She was elected because she was a diligent, hard-working trustee for the students, all students, all races — that's what public schools are about.

Do you realize the percentage of Jewish students that go to public schools is higher than those that go to parocheal schools? Would you deny them a decent education — are they less Jewish?

As a former trustee of a school board that had 56 schools, I was against the total funding for Catholic schools (you can thank Bill Davis for that), as I am against funding any elementary or high school except those in the public systems.

We are all tax papers; there is so much money governments have and it seems to be less every day. Living in a small town, I drove three times a week a 60-mile round trip, in all kinds of weather, to give my children cheder. Does it make them less Jewish for having bar mitzvah?

It seems to me we are asking for more and more segregation: Catholics, Christians, Pentecostal, Jews, and on and on.

But to threaten, albeit behind a screen of words, to try to ensure Mae Waese losing her trustee seat, is small-minded, mean thinking, and no compliment to anyone who may have spoken them.

Mae Waese was elected to do a job — not because she was a Jew. And she was re-elected time and again, because she did a good job. She was, and is, a trustee for everyone, not a particular group.

We Jews better watch out, if we believe every time we elect a Jew to a public position that he or she must only favor his own kind.

What a world this would be, and as a minority we would surely luck out.

Vote for Mae when the time comes because she does a good job, for no other reason.

Harriet Reisler
Toronto

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INSULT TO INNOCENT DEAD

I'm appalled by the letter to the editor Unfair to Poland, (*CJN*, Sept. 10).

I'm referring to the paragraph; It would be unthinkable for such a country (Poland) to kill or imprison their fellow men, etc.

In fact, it is an insult to our innocent dead and also living survivors of the Second World War.

I was born and raised in Poland. I witnessed brutal anti-Semitic outbreaks by the Polish intelligentia before the war.

I struggled to survive the war on false papers on an assumed Polish name among Poles only.

I watched the Poles praising, applauding and co-operating with the Nazi deadly machine in the highly cruel annihilation of the Jews.

There were some Poles sympathetic to the Jewish problem; there were also Poles persecuted by the Nazis.

I agree that Poland had a stormy history throughout the years but I disagree with their innocence in clearing Poland of Jews since the Poles pursued their dream "Poland without Jews."

To the writer of the letter of Unfair to Poland: Please read the countless bitter memoirs of the Holocaust survivors in Poland, which are found in every library and bookstore all over the world.

Wanda Lerek
Toronto

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WE ALMOST GOT IT!

For the first time a silver and a bronze medal for Israel at the Olympics!

Sixty-eight years ago, the famous German-Jewish author Friedrich Torberg, the spiritual leader and waterpolo player of the Jewish swimming club Hagibor Prague, wrote: "Only then, when at the Olympic stadium and to the sounds of the Hatikvah the blue and white flag is going to be raised on the victor's mast, then and only then our goal will have been reached." Our goal has almost been reached, our dream almost fulfilled.

When I learned of our silver, my eyes filled with tears of joyous emotion, also perhaps through the realization that no longer the ancient hangovers of the ghettoes and shtetls have prevented us from competing on equal terms and with equal success with the rest of the world.

I will remember that in my native land, although it could boast of being one of the most advanced democracies, 70 years ago, Jewish participation of sporting events was belittled and even booed. Fortunately, not for long.

Hagibor Prague and Barkochba Bratislava by becoming multiple Czechoslovakian Champions have seen to that.

In one previous attempt to reach our goal, at Munich, the lives of 11 of our athletes were cut short. Now Israel is carrying on until the blue and white flag with the Star of David is going to go on the victor's mast, to the sounds of the Hatikvah.

John Abels
Toronto

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THE EGG BUSINESS

Re Our Town, *CJN*, Sept. 3, Montreal edition. It has been years since I heard any reference to Charbonneau Street (now Guilbault) that ran east of St. Lawrence just south of Pine.

Our family business, the National Poultry & Egg Co., which was founded by my zayda Isaac Amber in the early '20s, was located at 20 Charbonneau on the south side of the street. It was the only building on the street, with the warehouse extending around the corner to St. Dominique. My aunt, Mary (Amber) Williams, who worked in the business since the mid-'20s, remembers that Imperial Fruit, located at the corner of Main and Charbonneau, had their back yard deliveries right beside our building.

In those days, the National Poultry & Egg Co. was a wholesaler of live poultry and eggs. Before shipping, the eggs had to be candled. My sister, Mollie (Amber) Corber, has memories of sucking the warm raw eggs just removed from under the chicken. We both remember the dusty air redolent of chicken, the old (even then!) Underwood typewriter, the adding machine with its rows of numbers, the rolltop desks and the cracked black leather chairs of the office.

The city expropriated the building in the early '40s and the business moved first to 3701 St. Dominique St. and then in the early '50s to Park Avenue just north of Mount Royal. My father, Manis (Max) Amber and my uncle Joe Amber also worked in the business.

Phyllis Amber-Weisbord
Montreal

Jews should open hearts on Yom Kippur

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Yom Kippur is upon us and all of us are aware that the central theme of the day is repentance. You don't have to be a theologian to appreciate that, without knowing what we have done wrong, we can't very well be sorry for it and repent.

So the prayer book provides us with a whole litany of misdeeds which are known by their introductory words *Al chet* ("for the sin").

I want to single out one sin which we tend to commit either personally or together as a society.

It is called *immutz ha-lev* hardening of the heart. The immediate reference is to the poor amongst us. We should not take the misfortune of others for granted or consider it something toward which we who are in better circumstances have no obligation.

Readers of this column are probably on the mailing lists of dozens of charitable organizations. Somehow there is a network of address exchanges and sooner or later we are being solicited for our contribution to worthy causes. Some of them I have never heard about and others are familiar. I never throw the envelopes away — unless there is duplication, of which unfortunately there's also a good deal — and I gather them up for the days before the High Holy Days when we try to take care of these appeals.

Rabbi Plaut

At such a time it is hard to reject any, and we try to let our hearts make the decision where to give and how much — and whatever we do, we are always left with a feeling that it was not enough, and that in some way we have fallen into the trap of hardening our hearts.

Immutz ha-lev includes more than resistance to the needs of the financially deprived. There are those whom we call refugees. I note to my distress that this is an increasingly sore subject not only with Canadians in general — as a recent immigration pol. indicated — but with Jews as well. It has always seemed to me that we ought to be the very last people on earth who harden our hearts against refugees. Were we not refugees all too often, searching desperately for a place that would save us and our families and take us in? Did we not complain bitterly that the world was silent, and excluded us rather than welcome us as fellow human beings? And now, can we conceivably be guilty of doing this to others? Where is our sense of history and above all, where is our sense of morality? Over 30 times the Bible reminds us to be kind and welcoming to strangers, "for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."

Ah, you say you want to defend "Canadian values." You will defend them best when you follow Hillel's admonition: "Do not do unto others what you would not wish to have them do unto you."

While I am on the subject, let me remind you that there is another sin that is closely related to this. We are warned against si'ach siftotenu, irresponsible speech. It's bad enough when in your heart and soul you harden yourself against the plight of others, but it is even worse when you make your sentiments known to others and commit the sin of *si'ach siftotenu.*

So when you go to shul on Yom Kippur and say the al chets, maybe you'll remember the burden of this column.

Our life's full of unexpected surprises

By ELAINE KAHN

Several months ago, I wrote that I was going to be taking a short break from this column, to recharge batteries severely depleted by a wide range of misfortunes that have affected me and my family over the past two years.

For those of you who noticed and told me I was missed, many thanks. For those who were hoping I'd stay away longer, get into the holiday spirit and forgive me.

I'm sorry to report the batteries are still down: the biggest news in my life since I last wrote is that my husband's synagogue here in Richmond Hill did fold.

The possibility of such an unheard-of closing was announced to the congregation last Kol Nidre. By late January, some board members were strongly suggesting to my husband that he look for another pulpit, just in case, and he started to, a month or so later. But I don't think any of us ever believed that, this yom tov, we really would no longer be together.

There's still a lot of confusion over the demise of the shul and there's strife between groups and individuals; it reminds me, although it's on a different scale of seriousness, of couples who fight and ultimately divorce, after the trauma of a child's death. I'm going to wait awhile before writing about it.

Some people are also confused as to why we're still living here, given my husband has no congregation. It has to do with the rabbinic hiring "season" (at least in the Conservative rabbinate).

It's usually November or December before congregations and rabbis decide whether contracts up for renewal will be renewed or whether there will be a parting of the ways. The bulk of jobs are advertised over the winter. Most hiring is done in the spring. Contracts tend to start at the beginning of July or August.

Elaine Kahn

By the time the shul died in June it simply was too late to find anything appropriate for this year. As I've written before, the mating of a rabbi with a congregation is not something one rushes into.

Also, every rabbi's personal needs are different. For example, our daughters are in grade 8, so we're looking to move to a place with an excellent high school, but rabbi friends of ours with younger children need a day school in their areas.

So my husband is unemployed for the year, but at least he's set a record. Until recently, the only three jobs not represented in the files of our local UIC office were doctor, member of the clergy and mortician. A doctor came in a week before my husband . . .

When my husband entered rabbinical school in New York 15 years ago, we were absolutely determined to come back to Canada, preferably to Toronto (his hometown and my adopted one), when he graduated. This was very naive, as there are comparable few Conservative congregations in Canada. But we were lucky. When he graduated, an assistantship was available in Toronto and he got it. When he decided to move on to get his own congregation, we lucked out again and moved up here.

As many of you may have been reading in these pages recently, the Toronto Conservative community is somewhat to the right of Conservative Jewry in the rest of Canada and more than somewhat to the right of Conservative Jewry in the United States. The benchmark for this in Canada is the degree of participation of women in services (in U.S. Conservative synagogues, which overwhelmingly allow women to participate fully in services, the benchmark is more likely to be use of an organ or videotape equipment during Shabbat services).

My husband and I, while living in New York, helped lead the fight for the ordination of Conservative women as rabbis — this put us distinctly out of sync with Toronto. We knew that before we came back, but we came anyhow, because nothing was more important to us than being home.

And one of the things Toronto does have in its favor, as far as its reputation within rabbinic circles, is that rabbis who head its congregations (and often even its assistant rabbis) are usually kept on forever, unless there's some earth-shattering scandal. We were looking forward to a long future here in Richmond Hill.

This is going to be an, um, interesting year.

In the short term, we do have a community to daven with for the holidays, filled with caring friends and dedicated to the same issues that are important to us: full participation by every part of the synagogue family and active commitment to adult education and social action.

In the long term, well, the only thing that's certain is that, a year from now, we'll be living in the United States (something that, given our strong Canadian chauvinism, has been hard to come to grips with, as much as we enjoy vacationing there).

Now that "being home" has been removed, painfully, from the equation, we have to discover what our other priorities really are, not only in a congregation, but in the city it's located in. We're having to choose a community in a much broader way than before.

I'm a pretty shy person and, happily, have lived all these years within range of family and friends, people I already knew, or could meet and grow to know and trust in private space. And it's no secret that the public role of rabbi's wife in shul makes me uncomfortable, both because it requires acting skills I don't have (or, frankly, want) and because it robs me of my private spiritual space.

I've got this year "off" being rabbi's wife in any particular congregation and I'm using it to really think about my own spiritual needs. I've already come to the conclusion that I do need and want a shul community. That's come as a bit of a surprise to me, but, then again, life just seems to be full of surprises lately.

(A good and sweet year to all of you.)

Talks on Golan revive UN resolution

By SHMUEL KATZ

The oft-quoted Resolution 242 of the UN Security Council after the Six Day War has unusual, perhaps even unique, characteristics: on the victim of blatant aggression it conferred the status of aggressor, and on the victor it imposed conditions of defeat.

The Egyptians and the Syrians did not bother to charge Israel with any misdemeanor to explain their aggression. They simply blazoned forth to the world their belief that the time was ripe and conditions on the ground appropriate for the act of annihilation which they had ceaselessly promised. "Just so"; because Israel existed, and they objected to its existence.

On June 1, 1967, Egyptian president Nasser, then leader of the movement to destroy Israel, who had been keeping an eager Arab world on tenterhooks following his expulsion of the UN observers from Sinai, epitomized the threat: "We have waited long enough," he exclaimed. "Let's finish with Israel and be done with it. No more words . . . Forward to Tel Aviv."

With the Arab states' overwhelming superiority in manpower and firepower, their intimidating topographical advantages north (the Golan) and east (the Judean and Samarian mountains), a swift defeat of the tiny state - and the "rivers of blood" promised by Nasser - seemed quite feasible.

Israeli hospital beds were prepared for a feared flood of casualties; thousands, young and old, dug trenches. Jews and friends of Israel throughout the world lived through days of fear and trepidation.

Many saw the incredible Israeli victory that followed as a miracle, and as clear a manifestation of natural justice as could be imagined.

Yet, lo and behold, the leaders of the nations, not only the Soviets and the British, traditional ill-wishers of Israel, now hastened, in a burst of appeasement of the dismayed Arabs, to call on Israel to give back territory to the aggressors.

From the morrow of the war, no proposal of reprobation for the Arabs' self-confessed guilt was made at the international forum, but a campaign of pressure, from east and west, was directed at Israel - to withdraw, withdraw, withdraw. Thus began the diplomatic process and pressure which led to the travesty of Resolution 242.

To the credit of the majority in the Eshkol cabinet, they resisted that pressure, exerted on them at close quarters, moreover, by their own foreign minister, Abba Eban, for more than five months. It was only on May 1, 1968, that Eban at the UN announced acceptance.

However outrageous was the principle emerging from Resolution 242 - that it was Israel that had to be punished - it contained a safeguarding clause. It laid down indeed that there must be "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories of recent conflict," but it laid down also that "every state in the area" had "their right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries."

The resolution was adopted on November 22, 1967, after five and a half months of heated debate in the Security Council. The Arabs and their friends - notably the Soviet Union, Albania and a group of South American states - pushed for a resolution demanding Israeli withdrawal from "the" territories or "all the" territories. That resolution was defeated, and finally American diplomacy, in which under-secretary of state Professor Eugene Rostow played a crucial part, achieved a unanimous vote for what became Resolution 242.

This the Arabs have never accepted. They have pretended that the rejected text is in fact Resolution 242, or that the rejected text is in fact a legitimate "interpretation" of Resolution 242.

The notion that 242 can be applied to the Golan Heights is not only grotesque, it is a falsification of history and geography; and it is probably illegal constitutionally under Israeli law.

The Golan Heights, towering above northern Galilee, may well be described as Nature's gift to a potential aggressor. Surely enough, the Syrians after 1948 turned the Heights into one large base, a mass of fortifications - and little else - for harassing Israel.

Life in northern Galilee became a purgatory. Over the years it was subjected to intermittent shelling, purely at the whim of the Syrian dictator. Children in the villages of Galilee spent a large part of their lives in shelters fitted out as school rooms.

Yet it was only when Syria launched its aggression in 1967 that Israel sent its army to climb the Heights. These were captured at heavy cost and revealed to the world the complex anatomy of Syrian designs on the life of Israel. Then it became clear to everybody that on no account could Israel risk the Golan's ever again falling into Syrian hands.

If and when peace should be achieved with Syria, no territorial element could be allowed into the negotiations; and a thriving Jewish community was gradually built up on the heights.

Nevertheless, after Syria's further aggression in the Yom Kippur War, the US secretary of state in 1974 cynically persuaded the Golda Meir government to agree to a partial (though admittedly not very substantial) withdrawal of Israeli forces).

Meir's successor, Yitzhak Rabin, decided to regard that withdrawal as satisfying the requirements of Resolution 242.

Now Mr. Rabin has admitted that that line on the Golan (which evidently did establish a local security balance between Israel and Syria) has been the most tranquil of Israel's borders. But he has evidently forgotten his own sensible pronouncement of June 1974 on its finality. Suddenly, in Labor's obsessive policy of scuttle, he gives Resolution 242 renewed born-again status, and promises surrenders of territory on the Golan.

To the manifest betrayal of the security about which he constantly pontificates he even adds the vicious corollary that he is prepared to reduce the number of Jewish communities on the Golan -that he is prepared, in plain language, to "transfer" Jews off the Golan.

The odor of these promises is not improved by the Israeli government's grotesque efforts to attach a human face to Assad. His attitude has changed, they say; and Foreign Minister Peres clowningly proclaims to avid European listeners that the change is "sensational."

This is monstrous and foolish: the only real change in Assad's attitude lies in his willingness to set out in writing for Israel what he has always said: that there will be no peace with Israel except if it hands over the Golan Heights holus-bolus and, moreover, withdraws from "all the territories" etc.

What price is the people of Israel expected to pay for Mr. Rabin and his colleagues to learn this truth? --*JPFS*

Features

A Hollywood film with a difference

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Barely two years after the last of the Nazi concentration camps were liberated, Twentieth Century-Fox, a major Hollywood film studio, released *Gentleman's Agreement* to considerable fanfare.

Produced by Darryl Zanuck and directed by Elia Kazan, from a novel by Laura Hobson, *Gentleman's Agreement* was an unusual, courageous film, since its topic was anti-Semitism in America. And because Hollywood had more or less sidestepped this sensitive subject until then, it caused a nation-wide sensation.

It told the story of a crusading journalist (Gregory Peck) who poses as a Jew to plumb the depths of anti-Semitism in a nation which has never been immune to racism. The movie was a hit, winning the 1947 Academy Award for best motion picture.

Until last month, *Gentleman's Agreement* was unique in having been the first — and only — mainstream feature-length film to portray anti-Semitism, American style, with such uninhibited directness. But with the release of *School Ties*, Hollywood has come full circle.

Now playing at Famous Players theatres, *School Ties* is thus an event of some importance in the annals of American cinema. Revolving around David Greene, a Jewish teenager who's ostracized and humiliated by the crude anti-Semitism at an elite preparatory school in the northeast United States, *School Ties* is anything but escapist fare.

"Anti-Semitism is not only with us, it is on the rise," said the co-producer, Sherry Lansing, who's Jewish. "Every time you pick up a newspaper you see more and more articles on the resurgence of anti-Semitism.

"It's reflected in last year's rioting in the Crown Heights neighborhood of Brooklyn, in the desecration of Jewish cemeteries and in the burning of synagogues by white supremacists."

Lansing, an elegant and articulate woman in her late 40s who was born and raised in Chicago, has experienced anti-Semitism first hand.

When she was nine years old, her mother, a refugee from Nazi Germany, drove with her past an exclusive country club and pointed out that membership was barred to Jews.

When Lansing applied to Northwestern University, from which she would graduate, she knew she faced a notorious quota system which discriminated against Jews.

At a tennis tournament recently, Lansing heard a woman say she wouldn't want her daughter to attend such-and-such a university because it was "full of Jews."

And to this day, she added in an interview in Toronto to promote *School Ties*, "there are clubs you can't get into and houses you can't buy" if you happen to be Jewish or a member of another minority group.

"Anti-Semitism is alive and well," lamented Lansing, who, as former president of Twentieth Century-Fox and senior vice-president of Columbia, supervized the production of such films as *The Verdict*, *Quest for Fire*, *King of Comedy*, *Kramer vs. Kramer* and *The China Syndrome*.

Lansing believes that the nature of American anti-Semitism has changed. Open anti-Semitic behavior is frowned upon and is no longer respectable, while legislation keeps racists in check. But prejudice, aggravated by a lingering recession, remains a potent force in the United States. American Jews, she suggested in reply to a question, still have a long way to go before they are fully accepted by society at large. "The value of being different is still not appreciated."

Lansing and her co-producer, Stanley Jaffe, spent nearly a decade trying to turn *School Ties*, based on a novel by Dick Wolf, into a film. Every major studio rejected the script on business grounds. The powers-that-be were of the opinion that no audience would be interested in the theme.

"Hollywood," she said, "has one bottom line — money."

But after what seemed like endless negotiations, Paramount, Lansing and Jaffe worked out a deal.

Ironically, filming took place as white supremacist and former Ku Klux Klan kleagle David Duke ran for the governorship of Louisiana.

Lansing, who was a math teacher, model, actress and script reader before becoming involved in film production, claims she was not inspired by *Gentleman's Agreement*. In fact, she did not even see it until the script for *School Ties* was written. But when she finally saw *Gentleman's Agreement*, on a plane two years ago sitting opposite Gregory Peck, she thought it was brilliant.

School Ties is set in 1955, rather than today, because Lansing wanted to explode the myth that the 1950s was one long, beautiful, bucolic idyl, when in fact it was punctuated by ugly incidents all too often forgotten nowadays.

This sense of uncompromising realism pervades *School Ties* right to the end. In one of the final scenes, Dillon, Greene's chief tormentors, gets off one last epithet which pithily speaks volumes about the unbrotherhood of man.

"It's an un-Hollywood ending," Lansing acknowledged. "We didn't want to compromise the film."

Lansing, who's married to director William Friedkin (*The Exorcist*), hopes that *School Ties* will expose the "stupidity of prejudice" and therefore be educational. "People are not born bad. Anti-Semitism comes from ignorance and fear." In essence, she explained, *School Ties* "is about being different and how these differences are accepted."

She should know.

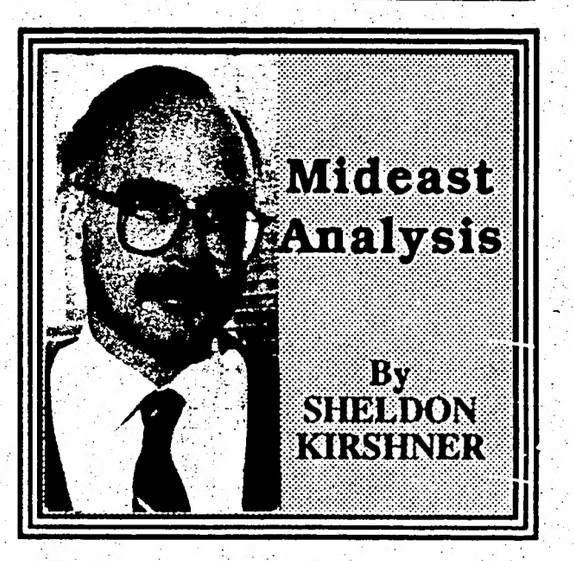
Her mother, Margo, who died five years ago, escaped from Nazi Germany in the early 1940s. "She got on a train and kept going." Her parents followed her to the United States, but the rest of her family perished in the Holocaust.

Lansing's mother's experiences left a "tremendous impression" on her. It sensitized Lansing to the prevalence of prejudice, gave her "this feeling of being different," and reinforced her interest in Jewish causes.

Lansing's communal involvements run the gamut from Israel Bonds to the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Centre, which will honor her later this autumn.

And now, Lansing is hard at work on her next project — an ABC TV pilot, entitled *Holy Man*, whose protagonist, a Jewish cop, falls in love with a Chassidic woman.

Hollywood film producer Sherry Lansing with director Robert Mandel.



Delegate represents hope

By HILLEL KUTTLER

One of the Palestinian negotiators in the peace talks with Israel represents a kernel of hope for future Palestinian-Israeli co-operation.

"After all," said Sameh Kanaan, "there's a Jew on the Palestinian delegation — me!"

To hear Kanaan tell it, his family history reflects the open society in Palestine near the end of the British Mandate — a time when Arabs and Jews mingled freely and frequently lived side by side.

In the late 1940s, the families of Mazal Maiman and Taleb Kanaan lived next door to each other in the El Musrara neighborhood of Jerusalem. Sameh Kanaan isn't sure who first fell in love with whom, but after a short courtship, Mazal and Taleb were married in 1946.

The bride's family did not welcome the union. Maiman, an immigrant from Morocco, was an observant Jew who refused to accept the intermarriage of his daughter.

The Kanaans, though "welcomed the event" and helped their daughter-in-law prepare for life as a Muslim. Taleb's family taught Mazal traditional Muslim cooking and housekeeping. Although Islam, unlike Judaism, does not forbid intermarriage, Mazal first had to convert to Islam. The conversion was performed by Abdel Hameed Sayeh, then sheikh of Nablus and now president of the Palestine National Council.

The Kanaans settled near Taleb's extended family in Nablus, where Taleb, who had worked for the bus company in Jerusalem, opened his own shop. When the war erupted in 1948 after Israel proclaimed independence, Jordan seized control of the West Bank. Mazal did not see her family again for 19 years.

In 1954, the year Sameh was born, the family moved to Irbid, east of the Jordan River. Like his four older brothers and two older sisters, Sameh was raised in a traditional Muslim home. He was taught the religion of Islam both at home and in the state school he attended in Irbid.

Only Muslim holidays were celebrated in the Kanaan home. The Jewish line, for all intents and purposes, had ended with Mazal.

The Kanaans returned to Nablus in 1964 for the same reason they had left ten years earlier — economic conditions. Three years later, the Six Day War erupted, Israel captured the West Bank and suddenly, for the first time in two decades, Mazal's family was reunited.

Because Judaism was never a factor in his parents' marriage, Sameh's religious and national identities were and are unambiguously Muslim and Palestinian. Palestinian friends and colleagues do not consider him Jewish, he says.

Kanaan is a practising Muslim — he fasts during Ramadan — and feels no sense of divided identity or loyalty. Still according to Jewish law, Sameh's mother and her children are Jewish.

"I am proud that my mother was a Jew," the 38-year-old resident of Nablus said during a recent interview in Washington. "But we consider ourselves Muslims according to the religion of Allah.

"I do not consider [my mother] Jewish," Kanaan continued. "I don't feel that I am a Jew. I am an Arab Muslim, so I feel exactly the same as an Arab feels."

His winning smile and prematurely gray hair reflect the paradox of Kanaan's optimism. He has spent more than a third of his life in Israeli jails, including 12 years in prison for membership in Fatah. But he denies any involvement in terrorist activities.

While in prison, Kanaan taught himself Hebrew after concluding that "if I want to understand the other side, I must learn the language." He also subscribed to the daily newspaper, *Yediot Achronot*.

Today Kanaan reads a variety of Hebrew magazines and newspapers and watches the nightly Mabat news program. He immerses himself in Hebrew to learn "the tradition of the Israelis, how Israeli society works."

Kanaan is on good terms with his Jewish relatives, although the situation is frequently complicated by the political climate.

Kanaan, who is fluent in Hebrew and English, works as a translator for the Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Nablus, where he lives with his wife, Rueda, and their three young daughters. His mother lives with them.

Syria and Israel talk

Syria and Israel are engaged in serious peace talks for the first time in 18 years. That's the good news. The obstacles that lie ahead are truly formidable. That's the bad news.

The Israelis and Syrians finally got down to bilateral talks last October in Madrid, but harsh rhetoric was the order of the day and progress was non-existent. Such was the atmosphere that the delegates did not even shake hands or share coffee breaks.

But when the sixth round of direct Syrian-Israeli talks began in Washington in August, the mood had changed dramatically. There was a new, pragmatic government in Jerusalem committed to some form of territorial compromise, and in that spirit, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin replaced the Likud's hardline negotiator, Yossi Ben-Aharon, with Itamar Rabinovich, a renowned Middle East scholar who holds moderate views.

Since then, Israel has broadly declared that United Nations Resolution 242 is applicable to the Golan Heights, captured by the Israeli army in the 1967 Six Day War, and Syria has announced its readiness for an "honorable peace." Not since 1974, when Israel and Syria hammered out a disengagement pact on the Golan, has there been so much hope for a rapprochement between these hardbitten enemies.

But there are problems, of course, and they may get in the way of efforts to produce a document outlining the principles of a peace accord.

Rabin, who was chief of staff when Israel conquered the Golan, has acknowledged that Likud's "peace for peace" formula is unrealistic and will not work. However, Rabin has made it clear that a full withdrawal is out of the question, and that the precedent established with Egypt in 1979 for a total evacuation of Israeli forces from the Sinai Peninsula does not apply in Syria's case. Instead, Rabin is offering Syria a partial withdrawal, in exchange for a full-blown peace treaty.

Syrian President Hafez Assad, who was defence minister when Syria lost the Golan, is equally but not unsurprisingly adamant. In a conversation with Druse residents of the Golan, Assad spoke of his desire to forge a "peace of the brave," but added that he would not relinquish "one grain of sand."

It will take a gargantuan feat of diplomacy, not to mention courage, farsightedness and intervention by the United States, to bridge these seemingly irreconcilable positions.

Rabin is under mounting pressure from Jewish settlers, among others, not to give up the strategic high ground on the Golan (which was annexed in 1981), and Rabin himself is not entirely confident of Syria's sincerity to end its state of war with Israel. As he put it recently, "I'm not convinced that Syria is ready for a fullfledged peace treaty with us."

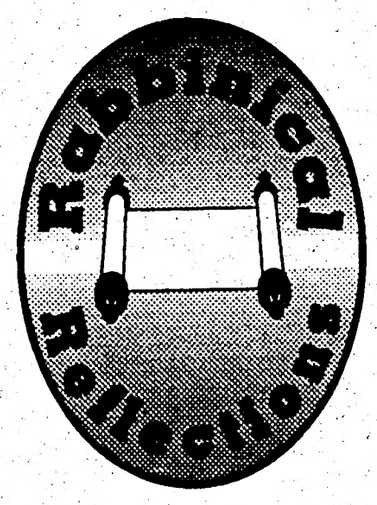
Assad, too, is subject to nationalist constraints, given Syria's long record of visceral hostility to Israel, its support of Palestinian groups opposed to Israel's existence and its reputation as the custodian of Arab nationalism.

Nevertheless, both sides sense they've reached an historic crossroads.

The Soviet Union, which backed Syria to the hilt, is gone, leaving Damascus without a superpower patron, or a viable military option. Eastern Europe has sharply modified its policy toward the Arab-Israeli conflict in Israel's favor, and Syria can no longer expect succor from these former Communist states which, at the drop of a hat, did Moscow's bidding. Iraq, Israel's greatest foe, lies abjectly defeated in the wake of the 1991 Gulf War. The PLO has endorsed the Madrid peace process, and most Palestinians in the territories seek a modus vivendi with Israel. Syria and Israel are eager to drastically reduce their military budgets and concentrate on pressing domestic needs.

These realities have prompted Israel and Syria to be more forthcoming. Israel has retreated from its dogma that the Golan cannot be returned under any circumstances, while Syria is actually considering the heretofore heretical idea of coming to terms with the Zionist state and making peace with its chief regional rival.

It's clear that peace is hardly around the corner, but now, more than ever in the past, it's within the realm of possibility.



By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

On Yom Kippur of 1973, we spoke of guns and bullets as Arab armies put Israel to the test in the sneak attack of the century. We wondered, and still do, when violence will cease in the Middle East.

This year we think of guns and bullets again, as we contemplate the murders at Concordia University, and we wonder about our society, just as we did a short time ago after the University of Montreal massacre. How long will we suffer violence to exist through guns and bullets? This Yom Kippur, do we not stand guilty before the throne of judgment for having allowed the existence of menacing deadly weapons in our midst?

Gun control is a Jewish problem not just because we live in Canada, where guns are available, but because Jews are gun owners, too, and Jewish attitudes toward deadly weapons have changed in this century. It was Jabotinsky who said that every generation has to learn its aleph-bet, and this generation's aleph-bet is to learn how to shoot. That attitude may have made Israel strong, but it also altered our perception of "the blazing rod," as rabbis first called such weapons in their responsa.

Because gun control is also a Jewish issue, we Jews need to bring creative solutions to the problem. On Yom Kippur, we're asked to examine and re-examine our hearts for the sins we did by commission and omission. Surely most of us have omitted thinking of gun control as a Jewish issue. It's time for corrective action.

Canada's gun control law has just been made stricter. It will help to control the availability of firearms, and all Jews who own weapons should, at the very least, comply with its terms. The amnesty is an opportunity to rid ourselves of unregistered weaponry.

Unregistered guns may arrive in our hands in innocent fashion. Old Aunt Z. took sick in her Miami apartment. Her belongings were stuffed into a box and shipped home. When you opened it, you discovered a handgun, and you remembered her speaking about robberies in her neighborhood. Now the handgun is yours, and it's not registered. Amnesty is an opportunity to rid yourself of it without questions.

Still, Canada's new control law is not enough. A Torah reading on Yom Kippur in the synagogues of Reform Jews is Leviticus 19, the "holiness code." In that section, we are commanded not to put a stumbling block before the blind. Generally, this verse is construed to mean that we should not act in a way that will lead the unwary to violate the Torah. Even to have weapons in the house is a stumbling block, for who knows whether someone may, in a fury, reach for the gun, or whether a child might play with it and bring harm?

While we might be in favor of eliminating the legality of guns, their use is a popular habit which, like cigarette smoking, has become part of our society and can only be controlled or limited at this time. In Canada, we have yet to approach the gun control issue as we have the cigarette control problem. With cigarettes, we've made a conscious decision to tax them so heavily that users might think twice about continuing to smoke. We ought to do the same with guns and ammunition. Recently, at a major chain store,a box of 50 bullets was on sale for $1.29. Surely a tax of 10 cents a bullet, which would raise the price to $6.29, would make people think twice about their use. The price would be no higher than that of 25 cigarettes. The revenues could fund better emergency rooms to take care of Saturday night mayhem or could be used to fund our provincial crime victims' relief payments. Annual gun registration fees should be steep, and failure to comply should lead to seizure of the weapons.

Yom Kippur is the day we pray that our names will be sealed in the Book of Life. The Unetaneh Tokef prayer ponders death, "Who by sword and who by fire?" And we must add, "Who by gun and who by bullet?" to the list. Until we face our personal and communal role in the control of deadly weapons, the sin of omission is ours on this Yom Kippur.

(Rabbi Leigh Lerner is the rabbi of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Montreal.)

Ritual objects returned after 49 years

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A treasure trove of Jewish ritual objects and family heirlooms, buried for safety during the Holocaust, was restored, briefly, to its rightful owner last week.

Rabbi Yekutiel Yehuda Halberstam, 90, the Chassidic rebbe of Klausenberg (Cluj), Romania, who now lives in Israel, was able to touch the Torah crowns, candlesticks and inscribed cutlery that were hidden underground by his family 49 years ago.

The rare and moving story was published by the Israeli newspaper *Yediot Achronot*.

The silver artifacts must have brought painfully mixed memories to the Klausenberger rebbe, who is now bedridden and barely speaks.

The objects had been buried by the rebbe's son, Chaim Zvi, who was slaughtered, along with his mother, 10 brothers and sisters, by the Nazis soon afterward.

Only the rabbi himself survived the concentration camps and eventually remarried and had a new family.

After the war, the Klausenberger rebbe settled in New York, and later in Union City, N.J., where he built up a new Chassidic court and yeshiva.

He founded Kiryat Zanz, near Netanya, in the early 1960s, one of the first such all-Chassidic quarters to be built in Israel, moving there himself in his old age.

The silver treasure was unearthed by chance, during construction work in Cluj, and turned over to local authorities.

They decided to house it in the town museum, where it was recently rediscovered by a Klausenberg Chassid, who immediately identified the pieces. The cutlery is inscribed with the names of the rebbe's children; the ritual objects are family heirlooms which the rebbe brought with him when he moved from Poland to Romania.

The rebbe is a scion of the famous Chassidic dynasty of Zanz, founded by Rabbi Chaim Halberstam in the 19th century.

The Chassid who identified the pieces quickly contacted the rebbe's family in Israel, who launched a delicate diplomatic effort to recover its property.

A Romanian-born member of the Netanya City Council, Miriam Ben-Elazar, who has wide contacts with Romanian political figures, was asked to go to Bucharest, and it was largely through her efforts that the trove was eventually loaned out for a week.

It arrived in Israel last week, accompanied by Romanian officials.

The collection, 83 pieces in all, was on exhibit throughout last week behind bulletproof glass at the Galei Zanz Hotel in Netanya, after which it was returned to the Cluj Museum.

The Halberstam family and its Chassidic supporters intend to pursue efforts to recover permanent possession of the artifacts.

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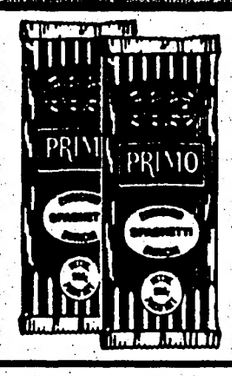

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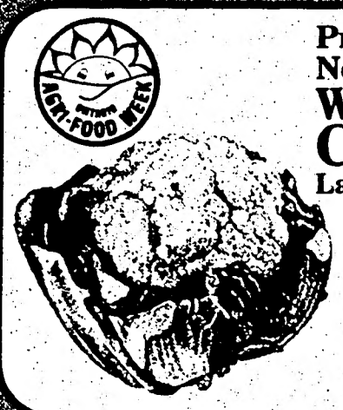

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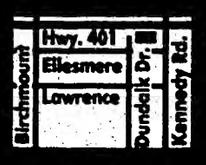

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By-election to replace Chapley

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

It's an all-Jewish ticket in the Oct. 15 by-election to complete the term of Irving Chapley, the veteran North York councillor from Ward 7 who died suddenly last June.

Five candidates will run in the predominantly Jewish ward that had been held by Chapley since 1974.

The ward is bounded by Bathurst Street west to Keele Street and from Steeles Avenue south to Wilson Avenue and in some places, Highway 401.

Vying for the seat will be Chapley's son, David, 42, a former City of Vaughan and York Region councillor who was defeated in last November's municipal elections.

Chapley also served as chairman and commissioner of the Vaughan Hydro-Electric Commission.

A Vaughan resident, Chapley says he's qualified to run in the ward because he was bequeathed half his father's Stonedene Boulevard house, thus making him a North York ratepayer.

And he says he lived in North York for 25 years.

Long active in the Jewish community, Chapley is campaigning mainly for holding the line on taxes, improved WheelTrans service and no more cutbacks in services for seniors. He says residents are concerned with an experiment in the ward to separate wet and dry recyclables and want to return to regular recycling.

Running for Irv Chapley's seat for the second time is Shalom Schachter, a 44-year-old lawyer with the Ontario Nurses Association.

Schachter ran in the ward in last November's vote and was also an NDP candidate in the 1990 provincial election in Lawrence riding, which the Liberals took.

Schachter lives in the City of Toronto but is qualified to run in North York because he maintains a labor arbitration office in the Borochov Centre on Codsell Avenue.

He wants to see increased participation in municipal politics by local citizens and is pushing for Metro's controversial market value assessment scheme, saying it would lower taxes on most of the ward's residences.

As councillor, Schachter says he would work closely with the ward's sizeable Russian and Israeli emigre community in making social services and language training more accessible.

Schachter feels it's important for him to come out in support of public funding for Jewish days schools as an example to other elected officials.

Another strong contender is Jack Bedder, who represented Ward 7 on council in 1972 and '73 and served as a North York Hydro commissioner from 1980 to '88.

Running on record

"Bring Back Jack" and "Go One Bedder" are the candidate's slogans. Bedder, who has lived in the ward for over 30 years, is a straightshooter who advocates cutting in half councillors' $52,000 annual salaries and limiting their time on council to two, three-year terms.

A 69-year-old real estate broker, Bedder is running on his record as councillor and Hydro commissioner.

He says he was instrumental in relocating a controversial Toronto Transit Commission bus garage from a residential neighborhood in the Wilson-Wilson Heights area and in securing more sidewalks and parkland for the ward.

Bedder would like to see Queen's Park take over collecting the education tax that currently appears on property tax bills.

A stiff challenge in the ward is being mounted by Mike Feldman, who served on North York council for eight months in 1985 when he replaced Andy Borins, who stepped down.

Feldman, 64, is also a past chairman of the North York Planning Board and of the North York Committee of Adjustment. He tallies a long list of involvement in various Jewish organizations.

Feldman sees no burning issues in the ward. He says there's "great concern" among ratepayers over the government's refusal to fund Jewish day schools, a matter still before the courts.

Feldman has been vice-president of the Metro Toronto Housing Company for over 20 years and since his election eight years ago as president of the Metro Toronto Housing Development Corp., says 10,000 new affordable units for seniors have been created.

He also advocates implementing the market value assessment in the ward, saying most homes would benefit because they are newer than those in the City of Toronto.

Rounding out the field is Tibor Martinek, a 43-year-old president of a food wholesale company.

Martinek, a native of the former Czechoslovakia, ran unsuccessfully last November for a Metro seat against Coun. Howard Moscoe.

This time, he's campaiging for a fairer tax system, more policing of the ward and for more housing for seniors.

Martinek would also press for the subway extending as far as York University, looping back to Steeles Avenue.

He would also advocate abolishing the North York Parking Authority and call on the city to stand by its rules on limiting citizens' appointments to two terms.

Martinek says apartment dwellers subsidize homeowners in the ward because of what he calls an inequitable tax assessment system.

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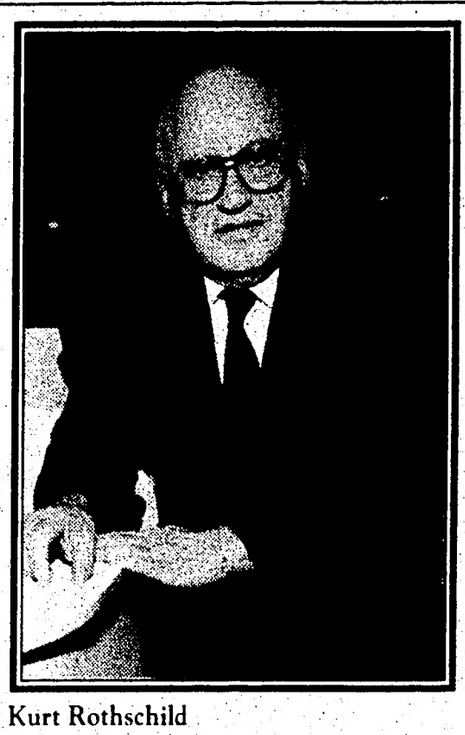

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Organizations and People

Advocates of 'no' vote dominate public meeting

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Militant English-rights advocates, who support a 'no' vote in the referendum, dominated a public consultation on the constitutional deal held by a coalition of Jewish, Italian and Greek community organizations, which is firmly behind the accord.

Few who lined up behind the microphones seemed swayed by Multiculturalism Minister Gerry Weiner's dramatic removal from his jacket pocket of a passport, which he waved in the air as he warned that a no vote would mean "throwing away your Canadian citizenship like yesterday's newspaper."

Nor were they affected by Public Security Minister Claude Ryan's dispassionate analysis of the Charlottetown consensus as it affects Quebec's concerns about the French language and its powers within confederation.

Both ministers were guest speakers at the meeting on Cultural Communities in Quebec and the Constitution, organized by Canadian Jewish Congress, the National Congress of Italian-Canadians and Hellenic Canadian Congress and attended by an overflow audience of 600 at the Hellenic Centre of Montreal.

Carol Zimmerman, the most vocal person on the floor, said she was voting no because the legal text of the agreement will not be made public before Oct. 26. "Voting 'yes' is like putting my signature on a blank cheque."

She also charged that 'distinct society' recognition "takes my basic civil rights away from me" as an anglophone.

The organizers refused to allow the speakers to respond to Irwin Rapoport, another naysayer because of his opposition to Quebec's language laws, who said he refused to be labelled a "traitor to Canada" and suggested those who vote yes are "prostituting themselves."

Italian Congress president Alfredo Folco angrily replied: "Are you calling the people here prostitutes? Look around, are they prostitutes?"

Another audience member, Arnold August, said he's on the 'no' side because he feels the constitution should have been written by a constituent assembly, and those who are not English or French-speakers are not given equal rights.

Apparently undecided, Nathan Gans suggested the deal creates two categories of citizens in Quebec — "the distinct society and the ungrateful minority."

"Why should I vote yes when now, at least theoretically, I have equal rights?"

Among the yes supporters, David Bensoussan argued that "the break-up of this country is at stake" in the referendum.

That was the clear message of Weiner, who stated that Canadians are being asked to decide "if they want to continue to live together or break apart and allow Canada to disintegrate as a nation."

He cited a recent editorial in *The Economist* which spoke of the break-up of Yugoslavia, impending split of Czechoslovakia and the question mark over Canada's future.

Canada clause

Even if one disagrees with a point in the deal, Weiner advised Canadians to remember they are fundamentally being asked "to declare for or against Canada."

The Canada clause, he said, not only ensures the equality of all Canadians regardless of racial or ethnic origin, but recognizes multiculturalism as a basic characteristic of the country.

Weiner castigated St. Jean Baptiste Society Montreal president Jean Dorion and Parti Quebecois vice-president Bernard Landry for trying to drive a wedge between "pure laine Quebecois" and other Quebecers. "This country was built by both your ancestors and those of every person in this room."

Ryan explained his support mainly on the basis of what Quebec gained. While "important progress" has been made, Ryan said, "I would be lying to you if I pretended [a 'yes' victory] will mean the end of it all.

"We have not finished discussion of the division of powers; we've only opened the door...But we have a better framework on which to approach this difficult subject."

He said French Quebecers have no reason to fear provisions protecting the two linguistic minorities, pointing out that Quebec already provides the English minority with "all the essential services to ensure its cultural development," such as education and health and social services.

However, he added Quebec would not have accepted this part of the deal if the constitution did not contain the notwithstanding clause, which allows provincial legislation to override the charter for five years at a time.

He did state that Bill 101 is here to stay, although he hinted 178 is open to discussion as the five-year deadline approaches.

In thanking Ryan, CJC national president Irving Abella said "there can be no bystanders in this dramatic moment in our history. Indifference means defeat, which may lead to the end of this wonderful experiment [Canada]."

CJC's national unity committee chairman Max Bernard said voting 'no' amounts to strengthening the ballots of those who are for Quebec separation. "Your no vote has the exact same weight as that of the St. Jean Baptiste Society president or PQ."

He asked those opposed to the deal because it does not offer enough protection to Quebec anglophones: "Would a PQ government of a sovereign Quebec do any better?"

CJC Quebec women reject 'no' stand of NAC

MONTREAL —

The "no" position of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women on the Oct. 26 referendum on the constitution is opposed by the status of women committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region.

In a letter to NAC president Judy Rebick, the committee states, "While we sympathize with your reservations, we feel that the status of women would best be served in a united Canada."

CJC, the committee's parent body, is firmly on the 'yes' side in the referendum.

"At this crucial time, we must have the utmost respect for each other's beliefs and actively work toward a united and more tolerant Canadian society," says the letter, signed by committee chairman Libby Labell.

NAC rejects the constitutional accord because it believes it does not adequately address women's rights and national social programs.

The CJC status of women committee is not among the 560 women's groups across the country represented on the NAC.

Labell said in an interview that she would have liked to see equal representation for women in the Senate, for example, but at this critical point in the country's history, women should recognize that acceptance of the deal for Canada as a whole has to take precedence over the struggle for gender equality.

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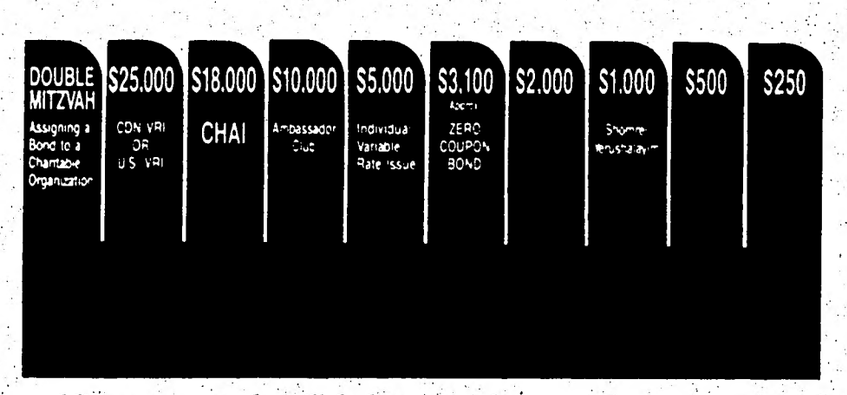

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Oct. 1, is deadline for Oct. 15 issue and Thursday, Oct. 8, is deadline for Oct. 22 issue. I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The number is 422-2331.

Thursday, Oct. 1

COMMUNITY LECTURE

A community lecture will be held at Beth Sholom Synagogue at 8 p.m. with **Dr. Tzvi Marx** of the Shalom Hartman Institute of Jerusalem who will be speaking on Are the Handicapped Full Members of the Jewish Community? No charge for admittance.

INTERGENERATIONAL CABARET

At the Intergenerational Cabaret celebrating International Day of the Elderly, young and old will join together in an evening of music and entertainment with dramatic readings from *The Extraordinary Lives of Six Ordinary people*, a book of oral histories of six Toronto senior citizens. The event is hosted by the Regional Geriatric Program of Metropolitan Toronto.

The time is 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Central YMCA, 20 Grosvenor St. For further information and registration, call **Roberta Sky** at Baycrest Centre at 789-5131, ext. 2284.

Friday, Oct. 2

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will appear at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., at 2 p.m. in a happy musical hour. Program will feature Jewish, popular, dancing and semi-classical music.

Saturday, Oct. 3

SHABBAT TESHUVA DRASHA

Rabbi Moshe Stern will deliver the annual Shabbat Teshuva Drasha Shabbat afternoon at 5:15 at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Men and women are cordially invited.

STARDUST MEMORIES

The Israel Cancer Research Fund's fundraising event, Stardust Memories, is a gala casino evening with games of chance, live entertainment, silent auction, palatable pleasures, celebrity guests, door prizes and more.

It all takes place at the Arcadian Court, 401 Bay St. (Simpson's Tower, 8th floor) at 8 p.m. Couvert is $30 in advance, $35 at the door. Tickets include $5 gambling chips. For information or tickets, call 487-5246 (last week's number was incorrect) or 487-8932.

Sunday, Oct. 4

MITZVAH PHON-A-THON

A first of its kind phon-a-thon will take place throughout Metro Toronto. Instead of seeking pledges of cash, it will ask Jewish community members to pledge a "mitzvah" such as lighting Shabbat candles, putting on tefillin, attending the synagogue, calling their parents, or a host of other good deeds.

The phon-a-thon, under the auspices of Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario, is part of a national campaign by Chabad Lubavitch. The program is being introduced and dedicated in honor of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Shlita.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

Netivot HaTorah Day School ground breaking ceremony takes place at 1 p.m. at Atkinson Ave. (near Rodeo Dr.), Thornhill. The entire community is invited to attend.

THE UNVEILING OF TILES

The unveiling of tiles inscribed in memory of Holocaust victims in the Memorial Hall of the Holocaust Education and Memorial centre of Toronto, Lipa Green Building, is being held at 2 p.m. For further information, call 635-2883, ext. 153.

HOLOCAUST AWARENESS

The Hillel Children's Workshop adult discussion topic is Holocaust Awareness and Education with **Karen Mock**, national director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights. The time is 10:45 a.m. in Room 523 of New College, 40 Willcocks St. The public is welcome. For information, contact **Bob Katz** at 929-3537.

SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Toronto Women's ORT Givatayim chapter invites you to attend the annual scholarship luncheon to celebrate its 40th anniversary and honor three of the originals — **Hedy Munk, Aurelia Friedlich** and **Tutzi Seguin**. Guest speaker is **Benjamin Noy**, Israeli trade commissioner.

It takes place at 12:30 p.m. in the reception room of the Dynasty Towers, 5460 Yonge St. For information, call 223-9234 or 922-1077.

PALESTINIAN AUTONOMY

At the Beth Tzedec Men's Club Breakfast meeting, **Prof. Morton Manilla** will be discussing Palestinian Autonomy: What Are the Risks for Israel. Breakfast is at 9:30 a.m. (nominal charge), lecture at 10 (no charge). Everyone is welcome.

YESHIVA DRAW

The Shmuel Zahavy Cheder Chabad Elementary Yeshiva recently held its fourth and most successful annual draw. The draw and dinner was held at Chabad Lubavitch Community centre. The goal of 1,000 tickets was reached at the end of the evening. Pictured (from right) are annual draw co-chairman Abe Balilty, executive director Rabbi Yona Shur, and co-chairman Henry Gotfryd and his wife Judy, accepting a token of appreciation for their outstanding achievements.

Monday, Oct. 5

KEEP THEIR MEMORIES ALIVE

Keep Their Memories Alive, a special memorial service for those who have died of AIDS, is taking place at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. Everyone is welcome.

This service is being held during AIDS Awareness week. For information, call in confidence **Cindy** at 789-3291.

Thursday, Oct. 8

ISLAMIC JERUSALEM

Islamic Jerusalem is the topic of the third lecture in the series offered at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue in conjunction with the photographic exhibit The Holy Land Then and Now. The lecturer is **Lisa Golombek** and the time is 8 p.m.

LIBRARY FILMS

Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., is presenting three films beginning at 1:30 p.m. — *The Mime of Marcel Marceau* (1972), *No Applause, Just Throw Money* (1987), and *Two Wagons Both Covered* (1969). Admission is free.

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In the current fall/winter session, the Koffler Gallery of Visual Art is offering several courses for children in mixed media and ceramics — Mixed Media courses on Sunday morning, afternoon, or Wednesday evening, and Ceramics, Sunday morning (2 classes), afternoon, or Tuesday evening. All children's classes emphasize development of sound artistic skills in conjunction with the development of a personal style of expression.

Courses for youngsters aged 11-17 who are interested in exploring avenues of personal expression and creativity include — Teen Potters Wheel on Mondays 4:45-6:45 p.m., and Drawing and Painting for Teens on Thursdays 4:45-6:45 p.m. Also of interest to teens is Cartooning on Mondays 6-8 p.m.

For information on these classes and adult classes in ceramics, drawing and painting, watercolor, clay or stone, sculpture, call **Rose Brinder** at 636-1880, ext. 269 or 636-2145.

HIGH SCHOOL HEBREW COURSES

For information regarding evening high school credit courses in Hebrew leading to OAC, call 449-9677. These courses are given under the sponsorship of North York Board of Education.

COMMITTEE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Toronto Mayor's Committee on Aging is looking for dedicated and enthusiastic members to help advise City Council on aging and seniors issues in Toronto.

To join the Committee, or one of its subcommittees, a volunteer should be a resident of the City of Toronto and over the age of 55, interested in the broad issues affecting seniors, be available for daytime meetings and be willing to commit 12 hours per month. Previous experience in working on a structured committee would be an asset.

Interested membership applicants should leave a message, with their name, address and phone number on the answering machine at 392-0129. Application forms will be sent out in the mail. Applicants will be interviewed, with successful candidates appointed by City Council. Applications must be received by Oct. 9.

NORTH YORK WOMEN'S CENTRE

North York Women's Centre, 201 Caribou Rd., is open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, to offer information and referral services to women. Phone or drop in during these hours to find information, to register for one of the many programs and courses, or to talk over something that is troubling you. The staff and volunteers are on hand to help. Call 781-0479 for further information.

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FIRST TORAH

The Sefer Torah committee of The Village Shul met recently to confirm its community celebration and dedication of its first Torah on Oct. 25. Standing (from left) are Rabbi Yaakov Palatnik, Stephen Weisbrod and Jeffrey Weiss. Seated (from left) are Beverley Burdeyney, Nancy Weisbrod and Vicki Weiss. For more information concerning the parade or celebration, call Nancy at 481-2383.

AISH HATORAH PROGRAMS

Aish HaTorah is offering two programs focusing on Yom Kippur—

Thursday, Oct. 1 — Yom Kippur: How to Turn Mistakes Into Opportunities for Growth at 8 p.m. at the Country Shul (north east corner of Bathurst and Carrville).

Monday, Oct. 5 — The Prayers of Yom Kippur: Exploring Their Relevance from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Aish HaTorah, 296A Wilson Ave. This seminar will give you structure and meaning to the prayer service. Call 636-7530 to reserve.

The lecturer at both sessions is **Aharon Hoch**. Admission is free.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Committee positions are available for young people 15-24 with interest or experience in human rights, community participation and race relations. Applicants are to apply in writing to the Committee on Community, Race and Ethnic Relations, City of North York. For further information, call the Volunteer Centre-North York at 481-6194.

The Aphasia Centre-North York is seeking mature people to work with individuals who have language and speech difficulties. Volunteers must be patient and supportive. Current needs include receptionist, music program directcor, social work assistant for groups as advocate or facilitator. Also needed are volunteers with fundraising skills. Call the Volunteer Centre-North York at 481-6194.

The Canadian Mental Health Association, Metro Toronto branch, needs volunteers 18 years or older for its rehabilitation action program (RAP) which trains and supervises volunteers who provide social support on a one-to-one basis to people recovering from a mental health problem. Volunteers are required to give approximately three hours per week for a minimum of six months. For information, call 789-7957 and ask for a RAP co-ordinator.

The Ontario Audio Library needs people who have one hour during the week to read text books into a recorder for visually impaired students. There is a particular need for people who can read math or computer science subjects. The location is at Sheppard and Don Mills. For further information, call the Volunteer Centre-North York at 481-6194.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss, to share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is Oct. 4, from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre board room, 35 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is

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Organizations and People

What's New

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Toby Warsh. For information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Senior Adult Services of the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch is arranging a Miami vacation at the Sans Souci Resort Hotel on the boardwalk Jan. 12-Feb. 2 (additional weeks available). It includes three kosher meals daily, health spa, trips, activities, all tips plus much more. Call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include — Saturday dance Oct. 3, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dance with live band Oct. 4, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; the movie *Flying Down to Rio* Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2 p.m.; Kawartha country road color tour Thursday, Oct. 22, for members only ($25 includes taxes and gratuities); the 13th anniversary dinner and dance Sunday, Oct. 25, 7-10:30 p.m. with entertainment featuring live band, kosher full-course dinner ($18 members, $20 non-members); 5-pin bowling starting early November; local day trips for members ($5). For information, call 636-7856.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets on Monday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. at the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. Also, there's a Simchat Torah dance party Thursday, Oct. 15, at 8 p.m. with music with **Boris Naiman**. Tickets (no reservations) are $5 members, $7 non-members, to be purchased at Aluma meetings. For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

Here's a list of **Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club** happenings — a trip to Shaw Festival to see *Pygmalion* Oct. 28; Israel Purim trip March 1-22; Florida trip (information forthcoming soon); discussion group with **Harriet Sharkey**; ongoing programs sponsored by North York Board of Education. For details on trips and activities, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Also, remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

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The Good Age Club at the JCC Bloor Y branch meets Thursdays at 2 p.m. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for details.

For details regarding the Intergenerational Cabaret to celebrate International Day of the Elderly, check What's New item under Oct. 1.

Sunshine Travel Group 50 Plus is going to oompapa day at Kitchener Octoberfest Thursday, Oct. 15; Stage West to see *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* Nov. 25; Colonnial Inn, North Miami Beach Jan. 12 for four, six, seven and eight weeks. For information, call **Sylvia** at 730-0503.

Square One Older Adult Centre, Mississauga, exclusively for adults 55 and over, offers a wide range of programs and leisure activities. It opens Friday, Oct. 2, with an open house and official opening ceremony from 1-3 p.m.

Sunrise Group trips include — Pines Hotel in the Catskills Nov. 2-6; Orlando super-saver Nov. 16-29; Miami for one or two months at Casablanca, Sherry Frontenac or Lombardy Hotel; New Year's in California Dec. 28-Jan. 7 featuring Rose Bowl Parade. For information, call **Esther** at 932-2534.

The Wagman Centre Creative Arts Program and North York Board of Education drawing and painting class continues Thursdays, Oct. 8 and 15, from 1-3 p.m. with Create Designs from the Inuit Culture. For information, call 789-5131, ext. 2939.

Travel Club has arranged three days in Akron, Ohio, Oct. 10, with two dinner theatres plus meals and sightseeing. Also, a trip to Israel Nov. 7 for two weeks plus three days in Rome. Call **Bernice** at 633-7034 or **Edith** at 638-3652.

LZA Seniors Club Simcha Torah dance takes place Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Borochov Cultural centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Entertainer will be **Lenka Lichtenberg**. Tickets available from **Joe Isenman**. The next luncheon meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 11:30 a.m. The Discussion Group meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and the dance group gets together Tuesday at 1 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

The Simchat Torah dance, with performers **Rachel Kastriano, Lorenzo Popesco** and **Michael Khinkis,** is set for Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 6 p.m. Charge is $12 members, $15 non-members. Tickets at information desk.

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to the Sunday Breakfast Club breakfast buffet feast (only $2.99) Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the cafeteria annex.

An afternoon of music with **Cantor Albert Feldman** playing his guitar is arranged for Sunday, Oct. 4, at 2:30 p.m. Members $2.50, non-members $3.50.

On Thursday, Oct. 1, at 1:30 p.m., La'Briyut Wellness Centre is presenting a health lecture with **Dr. Michael Brickman** entitled Coping with Arthritis. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Communicating with Others, an eight-session series with **Harriet Sharkey** will run Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15. This program is offered in partnership with North York Board of Education and co-sponsored by the Lifelong Learning Institute. For advance registration, call **Sandra Haberman** at 225-2112..

Etrog, an Israeli cultural group for Hebrew speaking older adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. On Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. Etrog is holding an anniversary gala dinner party with entertainment by singer **Essie Zohar**. For information, call **Anna** at 225-2112.

The Hebrew choir meets every second Friday at noon. For information, call **Anna** at above number.

A dance with the music of the Creative Band is set for Sunday, Oct. 4, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members $3.50, non-members $4.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and single, meets at the Centre every other Thursday at 7 p.m. On Oct. 1, **Bill Boden** will show slides of the park in Toronto. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is $1.

at the JCC

Join Theatregoers (ages 33-45) Sunday, Oct. 4, when they take in the play *I've Killed Before and I'll Kill Again*. Meet at 2 p.m. The cost is $12. Call **Luni** at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch at 924-6211 to register and for more information. Reservations are a must!

Sign up for the eight-week Latin American dance class. Learn the cha cha, salsa and meringue. Classes begin Monday, Oct. 5, at the Bloor Y branch. Call **Luni** at 924-6211 for all information.

Why not take the course, Jewish Holidays — Understanding the 5 Ws (Who, Why, Where, What, When), starting Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 7:30-9 p.m. for four weeks at the Bloor Y. Cost is $45. Pre-registration is required. Call **Luni**.

Take a Skills for Success workshop. Topics to be covered include Goal Setting, Effective Communication, Assertiveness, and Time and Task Management. The workshop will be held for four weeks starting Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 7-9 p.m. Fee is $90. Pre-registration is necessary. call **Luni** at 924-6211.

About People

Frank and Dora Jacobson

68TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Frank and Dora Jacobson celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary at a family dinner followed by cake and coffee at their apartment. They were married in 1924 in Dora's home.

A violinist, Frank played in silent movie theatres and the orchestra in Kitchener. Upon returning to Toronto he went into business with his father-in-law — Solways Star Meat Products on Richmond Street. As a volunteer he was honored by Meals on Wheels and he was involved in the food banks. Dora was active in the Weizmann chapter of Hadassah-WIZO and as a Baycrest volunteer for many years.

The Jacobson's celebrated with their children **Annette and Gordon Resnick** and **Norma Jacobson**, grandchildren **Judith and Sheldon Bell** and **Chuck and Anne Resnick**, and four great-grandchildren — **Brandon** and **Joshua Bell** and **Cora** and **Lindsey Resnick**, as well as Dora's brother; noted violinist **Maurice Solway** and his wife **Anne**.

Avi Hyman

Simone Scott-Simosko

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The 1992 winners of the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada Irene Samuel scholarships are **Avi Hyman** of Toronto and **Simone Scott-Simosko** of Winnipeg. The scholarships are awarded to students who will make a contribution to Jewish education in Canada.

Avi, a student at OISE, is enrolled in the doctorate program for the Department of History and Philosophy. His special area of interest is in the development of curriculum in Jewish social studies and after graduation hopes to serve the Jewish community as a pedagogical advisor and as a curriculum developer for both young people and adults. He has been involved in volunteer services in both the Jewish and general communities as well as at the university.

Simone, a student at the University of Manitoba, is presently enrolled in courses of religion and Judaic studies. Recently she was invited to sit on the board of the Ben Gurion University of the Negev. As a volunteer she has sung in the choirs of many synagogues, hospitals and seniors clubs, and has held executive positions in the Winnipeg Business and Professional Women's Club. She is greatly committed to the teaching of Judaism.

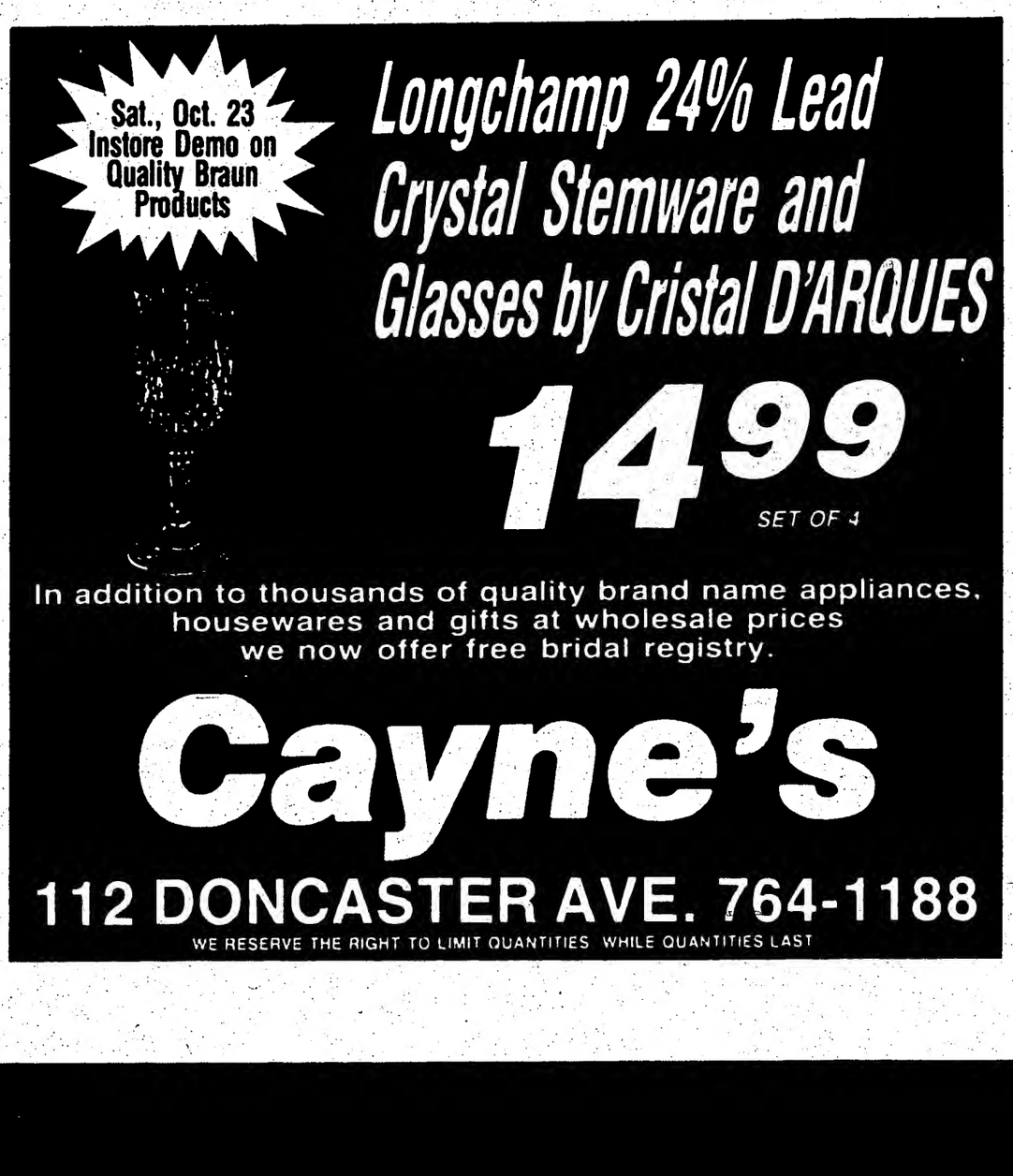
SEMESTER-AT-SEA

This autumn, **Prof. Elaine Newton** is part of the University of Pittsburg's Semester-At-Sea program. She is teaching literature to students on board a "floating university" (the S.S. Universe), which is travelling to various parts of the world, including the Ukraine, Japan, Malaysia, Turkey, Africa and Europe. Upon her return in January, she will be presenting a lecture series at the Philharmonic Centre for the Performing Arts in Naples, Fla.

Fortunately for her fans, Prof. Newton will be featuring a four-lecture Critic's Choice series, beginning in January at Forest Hill Library. For information concerning the course, contact **Greta Gray** at 920-9000.

STUDENTS' PROGRAM

Dr. Philip Klotz, professor in the Department of Surgery, University of Toronto, and national president of Canadian Friends of Biotechnical Institute of Israel, recently organized a program for students from the Institute. In Montreal, the program was lead by cancer specialist Dr. Phil Gold. The students, now in their 3rd clinical year of training, were here to further their studies to become highly skilled medical technologists. Participating Toronto physicians included Dr. Harold Hoffman, chief of neurosurgery, Hospital for Sick Children; Dr. Bernie Goldman, chief of cardiac surgery, Sunnybrook; Dr. Irving Koven, Department of Surgery, U of T; Dr. Shia Salem, chairman, and Dr. George Wortzman, immediate past chairman, Department of Radiology, Mount Sinai Hospital. Shown above (from left) are Dr. Shia Salem, students Merav Meushar and Renat Shruster, Carol Epstein (partially hidden), Canadian Friends executive director; and Dr. Philip Klotz.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Organizations and People

Janice Langer mans the phone at UJA's Super Sunday telethon with niece Yael Disenhouse, age 3, and nephew Joshua Disenhouse, age 5. [Graphic Artists photo]

Super Sunday boosts UJA

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

If anyone wanted to see the pulsing heart of the Jewish community in Toronto, it was on display on Super Sunday Sept. 20 at the Lipa Green building when 500 volunteers manned 140 telephones in a blitz for United Jewish Appeal-Operation Exodus.

In its low-key efficiency,the scene was nevertheless dramatic as men and women, of all ages, talked earnestly into their receivers. It was strange to overhear an elderly woman talk into the telephone of the desperate need for funds to rescue Jews, while all around her others bent to their tasks, their quiet voices barely audible over the hum of computers.

By the end of the day, their efforts had resulted in the canvass of 5,000 cards and the pledging of $2.3 million, $200,000 more than on Super Sunday last year.

"We continue to defy what people say will happen as the result of the economic recession," said Mark Gryfe, campaign director, buoyed up by the excellent showing.

Telethons continued during Super Week as volunteers streamed in during the day and evenings to complete the canvass of people who were away on Super Sunday, with a special effort on the Sunday before Rosh Hashanah started.

Telethons will continue on Sundays in October and volunteers are welcome.

The canvass was reinforced this year with 10 cellular phones donated by Eli Pullan, the lines being connected free by Bell Cellular. Such is technology today that the special cellular phone room one floor above the main room was hooked up and ready to operate in one hour, according to volunteer Beryl Wetstein.

Super Sunday co-chairmen Robin Kachuk and Ruth Ladovsky greeted volunteers as they reported for duty.

Olim seen as key to security

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA —

The thousands of new immigrants that have come to Israel in the past two years will be as important to Israel's security as the current peace negotiations, a member of the Israeli delegation to the peace talks told Ottawa's UJA cabinet.

Ra'anan Gissin, an Israeli military analyst, spoke at a UJA cabinet meeting last week, as part of a speaking tour organized by the United Israel Appeal.

Gissin also spoke in Montreal to the Combined Jewish Appeal's Apparel Division as part of the major campaign Cluster Event on Sept. 23 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel.

Gissin told the Ottawa delegation that the Gulf War changed the political environment in the Middle East

The defeat of Iraq made an attack by another Arab state against Israel in the next few years unlikely, Gissin said.

"Where the Gulf War ended, that's where the battle for peace starts," he said.

The next few years will give Israel a chance to focus on building its economic, rather than its military strength.

"What has always hampered us is the reality around us. There were always storms around us, there were always wars, and investment doesn't go well with wars," he said.

The new immigrants, he said, will drive economic growth. He said Israel is a country of limited natural resources; its biggest asset is people. Bringing immigrants to Israel is an investment in the country's economic future.

"If they [the immigrants] integrate into the society, they will be the secret weapon, the best missile Israel ever had because this is the missile that will launch us straight into the 21st century," Gissin said.

"Look at Singapore, look at Hong Kong. Israel can be that thing in the Middle East."

And, he said, economic strength will be an advantage at the peace negotiations.

As a member of the Israeli delegation to the peace talks, Gissin said Israel is sincere about the negotiations. He said Israel owes it to all the Israeli mothers, who bring their teenagers every year to enlist in the

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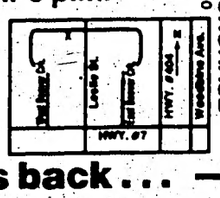

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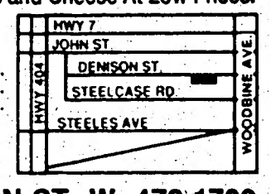

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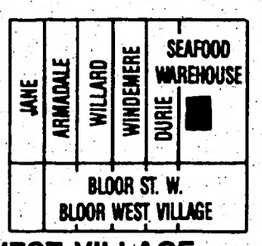

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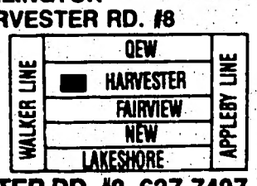

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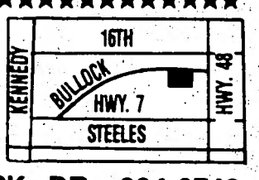

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Organizations and People

Four generations of one family were honored recently by Emunah Women of Toronto at its 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner. (From left) Laila Rutman; Jean Nussbaum; Lady Amelie Jakobovits, guest speaker; Sheba Sanders, dinner co-chairman; Sylvia Zeifman and Chana Rutman.

Emunah Women turns 50 as it honors four generations

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Emunah Women of Canada recently celebrated its 50th anniversary with a dinner honoring four generations of women in one family.

Jean Nussbaum, Sylvia Zeifman, Chana Rutman and Laila Rutman were praised by Dorothy Zeifman, who along with Hannah Schusheim is co-president, Emunah Women of Canada. "These women are dedicated, hard-working volunteers who exemplify the act of giving. At first they did not want to be in the limelight and turned down the chance to be honored but when they discovered that the dinner would raise money for Israel, they could not decline."

Schusheim said that on this 50th anniversary, Emunah Women can look back with pride on its achievements in Canada and Israel. Among its projects are Neve Michael Children's Village near Pardes Chana, a vocational, religious and formal school that has played host to hundreds of Russian and Ethiopian immigrant children.

Emunah Women has also provided such services as the translation of religious material into Russian and Amharic, a kosher seder for immigrants and many day care and educational centres.

Lady Amelie Jakobovits, wife of Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, former chief rabbi of Great Britain, guest speaker at the dinner, held at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue, said that she has "deep respect for Emunah Women's world presence. I am proud to be a member of the executive in England."

Lady Jakobovits, president of the Emunah Child Resettlement Fund of Great Britain also spoke in Montreal at Emunah Women of Montreal's tribute dinner in honor of Bess Silber. That dinner, held at Congregation Chevra Kadisha B'Nai Jacob was in support of scientific and technological advancement at Tiberias Regional High School.

She told the over 300 guests in Toronto that although there are only 3,000 Emunah Women in England they are able to raise over one million pounds a year in support of Israeli projects. "One can go through life with this organization and be very proud."

Lady Jakobovits, who 50 years ago escaped Nazi-occupied France with her family, said that "we are able to be here talking about Israel because of the people who survived. There have always been women who have found the unquestionable emunah or faith to say that everything will be alright."

She spoke to an emotional crowd, of women who have lost entire families in the Holocaust and others who have been plagued with personal tragedies. "Women like this have suffered, yet have kept going. They know intellectually, emotionally and instinctively that it will be all right."

Lady Jakobovits was presented with a pin, making her a life member of Emunah Women of Canada. Dinner co-chairmen were Sheba Sanders and Susan Kahn.

Multiculturalism slammed

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"Multi-culturalism is a superficial approach to the problem [of racism]," said Ryerson professor Hugh Innis, who spoke on Racial Conflict in the '90s at a recent sisterhood meeting at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

"The mainstream has to stretch so that groups are taken in," Innis said. "Jews are still outside [the mainstream] to some extent, but other groups are farther removed."

Religion per se is not a problem, explained Innis. Problems arise, he said, in areas of common concern, such as jobs and tax dollars.

"The problem in resources is growing, Innis said. "If we're going to do something for this side of the room, it has to come out of that side of the room. If you want something, it's at the expense of somebody else. That's why society is getting leaner and meaner as we go on.

"There has to be a whole new attitude to the rights of minorities. I think if in 10 years we haven't done something very profound, we'll be as bad as L.A. Now is the time to take action."

Innis lambasted politicians and their priorities. He pointed out the irony of worrying about the constitution when economic woes and racial violence surround us. "That's dumb," he said.

Correction

In the Sept. 10 issue of *The CJN* a headline stated that Vancouver campaign aims to top $50,000. This amount is actually the goal of the Victoria campaign. The Vancouver campaign raised over $4 million last year and this year is aiming to top this by $1 million.

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Jewish residents upset by date of OMB hearing

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

A City of York rezoning application for the Shell gas station at the corner of Bathurst Street and Claxton Boulevard, which has been opposed by area residents, spawned further controversy recently when the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) rezoning hearing was scheduled to begin on the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

Last week former Ward 1 alderman Ben Nobleman sent OMB chairman John Kruger a fax urging him to postpone the OMB hearing "in the interests of justice and fair play" because Jewish area residents, several hundred of whom are interested in the matter, would be unable to attend the hearing.

Shell Canada has proposed a 12-pump gas bar with full-serve and self-serve bays, to replace the current eight-pump full service station. The proposal would also eliminate mechanics' services which are currently available.

Myrna Bazsay, who manages an apartment building in the immediate vicinity, circulated a petition in the fall of 1990 to strongly oppose the rezoning application. She collected signatures from over 1200 people, at least 200 of whom are Jewish, she said.

As a result of the petition, the City of York Council voted 7-2 to oppose the rezoning. "It's not fair to have a hearing of this importance on a Jewish holiday," says Nobleman. "I don't think they would hold it on Christmas."

The OMB has refused to postpone the hearing in advance, because it would be impossible to identify and thus to notify all interested parties, said Kruger when he was contacted by phone last week.

"You never know who's been informed and who's told other people," he said. "It probably will be postponed."

Assistant City of York solicitor Thomas Wall has been instructed by city council to ask for an adjournment, he said.

The date was assigned by the OMB and was not specifically requested by Shell Canada, *The CJN* was told. "We try as best we can to avoid [scheduling hearings on religious holidays]," said Kruger when asked about OMB policy. "Most of the time people are aware of them, but every so often there's a foul-up." He added that similar scheduling problems have arisen on Easter Monday, when some Christians work and others don't.

Area residents oppose the rezoning application in part because they anticipate increased gas fumes and a greater traffic flow, posing a danger to pedestrians, both seniors and children, said Marvin Malamed, owner of Habers Pharmacy next door to the gas station. The proposal offers no benefit to the community, he added.

"No new traffic will be generated," says Paul Chronis, a planner working with Shell Canada's solicitor, Weir and Foulds.

He called the scheduling of the hearing "unfortunate," but added that "I'm sure there are other people who can attend [in place of Jewish concerned residents]."

In addition to the scheduling, many residents were upset at not having received notice of the hearing. Chronis, who distributed 156 notices in accordance with a list given to him by the city clerk's office, noted that ratepayer groups, provincial agencies and all assessed owners within 120 metres of the gas station were sent notices. Tenants, many of whom had signed the petition, were not notified. Chronis said he did not have postal codes for the petitioners. Ian Lord, the solicitor for Shell Canada, was unavailable for comment before *The CJN* went to press.

School administrators to gather

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Relations between professionals and lay people in the world of education is the theme of the 1992 Conference of the Association of Administrators and Principals of Jewish Schools of Greater Toronto.

Between 60 and 70 principals and administrators of day and supplementary schools are expected to attend the 8th annual conference, which will be held Nov. 13 - 15 at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel in Fallsview, Ont.

Co-chairman Pauline Clein, of United Synagogue Day School, told *The CJN* that a survey is being conducted among those who will attend, to choose which issues will be discussed.

"Other issues will probably arise out of those," she said.

Scholar-in-residence will be Gerald Bubis, professor of Jewish communal studies and director of the school of Jewish communal services, Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles.

Bubis has written and delivered numerous presentations, seminars and workshops. He is the co-author of a paper entitled The Delicate Balance — Board-Staff Relations.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education, the Association of Jewish Day school Administrators, the Day School Principals Association, and the Council of Principals and Co-Ordinators in BJE—affiliated Supplementary Schools.

For more information or to register, contact Clein, at 225-1143; Ira Schweitzer, 487-3281 or Alan Steinfeld, 636-4050.

Air force navigator believed alive

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The Lebanese government has reason to believe that missing Israeli air force navigator Ron Arad is still alive, Israeli officials have been told.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres announced the news last week at briefing in New York with members of the Jewish press. And further details were provided here by Uri Lubrani, co-chairman of the Israeli team conducting peace talks with Lebanon.

Lubrani, who served last year as Israel's chief hostage negotiator, told reporters that Israel had asked the Lebanese delegation to do whatever it could on a humanitarian basis to find out about the fate of Arad, whose airplane was shot down over Lebanon in 1986.

As a result, he said, the Israeli team had "received a reply that the Lebanese government has reason to believe that navigator Arad is alive."

He said the Lebanese delegation had assured the Israelis that it "will do whatever it can to pursue the matter to the best of its ability."

Asked by reporters if the Israelis had received any information about Arad's whereabouts, Lubrani said, "I don't think they have any knowledge of who is holding him."

When asked a similar question in New York, Foreign Minister Peres said that "the Syrians deny they are connected in any way with the fate of Ron Arad."

He later added: "I would see an Iranian finger in the story, but I don't have evidence to support it."

Peres indicated he would raise the Arad case in a meeting with UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who has pledged to do what he could to win the missing Israeli airman's freedom.

Similarly, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin raised the case with the secretary-general in August, and brought Arad's wife, Tami, with him to the meeting.

Last year, Boutros-Ghali's predecessor, Javier Perez de Cuellar, and a top aide, Giandomenico Picco, were involved in negotiations with Israel, Iran, Syria and Lebanon that resulted in the release of all American and British hostages in Lebanon.

Israel also received information about the fate of some of its soldiers missing in Lebanon, as well as some of the remains of those who allegedly died in captivity.

But there was no definitive word on the fate of Arad, who is thought to be the only Israeli with any likelihood of still being alive.

And since the last American hostage, Terry Anderson, was released, there has been no progress on the issue.

Israeli sources here say there is good reason to believe Arad is still alive. But they cautioned against placing too much stock in the latest Lebanese report, saying they did not know whether the government in Beirut had made a serious inquiry into the case.

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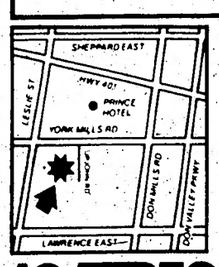

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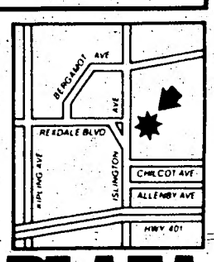

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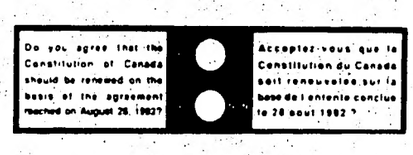
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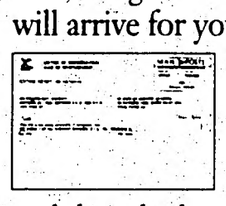

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Senior Care maintains growth despite tight financial resources

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO —

While Senior Care has been beset with financial difficulties brought on by the recession, it has introduced several new programs, the agency's president reported at the recent annual meeting.

Senior Care is a non-profit social service agency that provides home support for older adults and persons with disabilities.

Elliott Peranson reported that this year the agency celebrated 18 years of community service with the launching of several innovative programs. Speaking to the executive and Senior Care members, Peranson summarized some of the organization's past year's achievements.

They include the completion of the first phase of Ontario's first palliative care training programs for home service workers. "This training package is expected to serve as a model for agencies across the country," said Peranson and Michael Scheinert, the agency's executive director, in Senior Care's annual report.

The agency launched a vacation program for caregivers and a live-in program to assist caregivers of aging relatives.

An intergenerational program resulted in elementary school children sending more than 300 birthday cards to the agency's clients. Students from two Hebrew schools made festive placemats for Meals on Wheels clients during Passover and Rosh Hashanah.

The agency also submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Housing, in conjunction with the Kehilla Residential Program, the Jewish Housing Agency, to establish a seniors' residence of 62 to 72 self-contained units.

"We hope it will be funded, but we don't have an answer yet," said Peranson.

He reported that Senior Care has been beset with financial difficulties brought on by the recession. "This year we will be receiving less grant money," he said.

He also said the agency's professional staff has been reduced by attrition and the remaining professional staff have taken a cut in salary.

Peranson said Senior Care has had to reach out to the community to help, noting that the agency recently placed ads in *The Canadian Jewish News*. "Fundraising will be significant for the new board for the upcoming year," he predicted.

He also said the agency has experienced some pressure to serve other communities as well as the Jewish community. "The provincial government has indicated there are too many agencies and we have to get together," Peranson explained. "Whether it should be done should be discussed."

Ted Ball, a senior policy advisor to Health Minister Frances Lankin, also addressed the meeting, saying that health care costs will be reduced from 34 percent to 25 percent of the provincial budget in the future.

"As we make changes in the acute care system, your business is going to increase," he told Senior Care members and executive. He added that early hospital discharge to home support organizations is more cost effective than hospital care, which now costs about $9,000 a day.

Senior Care officers for 1992-93 are: Peranson, president; Gloria Clamen, Morton Eisen, Charlotte Haber, Ruth Margles, Dr. Les Richmond, Larry Schwartz, vice-presidents; Philip Gosewitz, treasurer; Maurice Rotfarb, assistant treasurer; George Kuzmarov, secretary.

The agency's directors for 1992-94 are Gloria Clamen, Anita Ekstein, Eliot Eisen, Sam Fleiser, Charlotte Haber, Ruth Margles, Dr. Les Richmond, Maurice Rotfarb and Larry Schwartz.

Senior Care's directors for 1992-93 are Michael Florence, David Herlick, Elliott Peranson, Anne Schlifer, Norman Silver, Renata Somers, Marsha Stall, Ken Yolles and Sharon Zeiler.

The following directors are commencing their second term of office: Jeffrey Alter, Angela Eliosoff, Morton Eisen, Philip Gosewitz, Mary Ann Freedman and George Kuzmarov.

Chabad Lubavitch planning first mitzvah phon-a-thon

THORNHILL, Ont. —

A first-of-its-kind phon-a-thon will take place on Oct. 4 throughout Metropolitan Toronto. Instead of seeking pledges of cash, it will ask Jewish community members to pledge a mitzvah.

The phon-a-thon, under the auspices of Chabad of Lubavitch of Southern Ontario, is part of a national campaign by Chabad Lubavitch.

Rabbi M. Bernstein, programs director of Lubavitch, explained "Mitzvahs are the prime expression of Judaism — they represent the spiritual core of our tradition. When a Jew pledges to do a mitzvah, he increases his bond with his heritage."

Volunteers will be manning the phones. They will be asking community members to pledge to do a mitzvah such as lighting Shabbat candles, putting on tefillin, attending the synagogue, calling their parents, or a host of other good deeds. Those called select the mitzvah of their choice and the volunteer caller sends them out a pledge card and information about their tradition.

Rabbi Bernstein noted, "We live in time of assimilation, when many Jews are drifting from their heritage. This phon-a-thon will give the opportunity for thousands of Jews to reaffirm their Jewish identity and draw themselves closer to their roots. It is a unique one-to-one approach in Jewish identity. Not only to those called appreciate the request, but the project also raises the Jewish commitment of the volunteer calling."

In many cases, reaction to the mitzvah phon-a-thon has been very positive. The response rate of those called has been over 60 percent. People are pleased that they are being asked to do a good deed — not give money.

Rabbi Bernstein added, "We have discovered that people are touched that someone is interested in their personal spiritual development. Many wonderful things have happened because of this project. Just recently at a mitzvah phon-a-thon in Toledo, Ohio, 400 of the 700 people called made a pledge to do a mitzvah."

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Organizations and People

United effort is urged in anti-racism fight

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —
All religious and ethno-cultural communities must respond with a coordinated plan of action whenever a minority group is attacked, a four-day conference on racism and anti-Semitism concluded last week.

Minorities must develop "planned action" and not just a plan of action when racially-motivated crimes or attacks occur, the national gathering, co-sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights, was told.

The conference, entitled Equality and Justice — The Implications for Canada of the Rise of Racism, Anti-Semitism and Xenophobia in Europe and North America, drew about 170 people representing dozens of ethnic, religious, business, community and citizens' groups from across Canada. It was probably the first such gathering in this country of such a large cross-section of Canadian society.

League director Karen Mock said a national strategy is needed to combat racism and bigotry.

"Racism and hate groups are on the rise. Enough is enough. Let's do something," Mock told the conference's concluding session.

All groups must "take a common stand and find a way to make it known," she said, adding that minorities must encourage the "widest possible" denunciation of racial attacks and incidents of discrimination; urge the involvement of women; move to appropriate action and from "denunciation to enunciation."

"Excuses and inaction" by community leaders give rise to racism, participants heard. Ethnic groups must move to a "smarter battle" by influencing public opinion, lobbying for the entrenchment of equality rights and consulting aboriginal groups.

Strong organization and networking are the best bulwarks against bigotry, the conference decided. To that end, the conference recommended the following actions be taken:

• the creation of a central "clearing house" to allow minorities to network, communicate and share success stories as well as failures. The central address would provide a place for minorities to turn and mobilize.

Karen Mock

• a national advertising campaign touting anti-racism and human rights.

• more anti-racism education and teacher training.

• making Holocaust denial a legal offense.

• harsher punishments for racially-motivated crimes.

• pressing for the establishing of the long-awaited Canadian Race Relations Foundation, announced by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in September, 1988. The foundation, whose creation was scuttled in the last federal budget, would serve as a central resource centre for community groups, researchers and the public to further understanding of racism.

• educating judges, police forces and the media about racism.

"Ignorance is not bliss," said one delegate. "The cost of ignorance is incalculably high."

Participants were told that ethnic groups and visible minorities should return to the tactics of the civil rights movement of the 1960s, including non-violent, direct action.

The conference also heard from federal multiculturalism minister Gerry Weiner, who said that one of the best ways to fight racism is to vote yes in this month's constitutional referendum.

Seniors program planned

TORONTO —
A Time For Me, a personal growth program for people ages 55 and over, is about to launch its second season following its successful debut last winter.

Developed jointly by Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Jewish Family and Child Service and Senior Care, A Time For Me offers seniors an opportunity to air concerns on all aspects of this stage of their lives. The program is assisted by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

According to Ulana Abramson, the Federation's program overseer, A Time For Me allows seniors to come together for discussion, sharing of concerns, socializing and promotion of self-awareness.

"This program had a terrific response from the pilot project," she says. "People really found it helpful."

In eight two-hour weekly sessions, A Time For Me tackles a variety of issues, such as the death of a spouse, loneliness, financial concerns and health matters.

The first group is set to begin at the Bernard Betel Centre on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 1:30 p.m. The second group will begin Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 7 p,m., at the Wagman Centre, adjacent to Baycrest.

For more information contact Ulana Abramson at the Federation at 635-2883.

Mothers played key role

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army, to negotiate peace. During the Gulf War, he said, Israeli mothers were the ones who kept their families from panicking.

"The Israeli mother is the one person that enabled the government to make that excruciating and difficult decision of not doing anything [to involve itself in the war], after being trained for 43 years to always react when attacked," said Gissin.

"And by the way, that was the right decision."

During the peace negotiations, Israel hopes to persuade her Arab neighbors that the peace option will bring tangible benefits, like economic growth, that military option will not, he said. He said the Arab nations came to the negotiations because of the United States, but they have stayed because of Israel's strength, which comes from the wave of immigrants and the support it has always had from the Je 's in the Diaspora.

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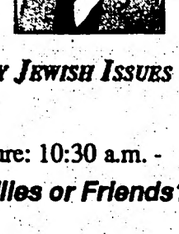

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Mazon Canada planning Sukkot food drive

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The festival of Sukkot, in addition to marking the Israelites' sojourn in booths during their post-Exodus wanderings, also coincides with the autumn food harvest — traditionally, a time of abundance.

For many, however, having enough food to eat is always problematic whatever the season. In keeping with Jewish lifecycle themes and pursuing its mandate of presenting a Jewish response to hunger, Mazon Canada is staging its first annual Sukkot fundraising campaign.

This time, however, Mazon is focusing its attention not on individual members of the community who are celebrating simchas, but on Toronto restaurateurs and food retailers, asking them to contribute to the campaign.

So far, a variety of businesses, largely owned by Jews or serving a Jewish clientele, have responded, said Mazon spokesman Marilyn Aarons.

The contributions range from "very small to very large" and the money raised will go to a number of food distribution organizations across the country, Aarons said.

Mazon Canada's most recent newsletter shows that beneficiaries of funds distributed by Mazon include the Atlantic Alliance of Food Banks in Truro, N.S., the Drop-In Centre in Montreal and the Fort McMurray Food Bank in Fort McMurray, Alta., with a host of other organizations in between. Allocations ranged from $500 to $3,000.

Since its inception in 1986, Mazon Canada has allocated more than $250,000, including more than $150,000 in its last fiscal year, Aarons said.

Mazon Canada is a non-denominational Jewish response to hunger which encourages Jews celebrating lifecycle simchas to contribute a suggested three percent of their food costs to Mazon Canada.

Mazon allocates those sums, along with money raised by special appeals at Jewish holidays such as Passover and Rosh Hashanah, to front-line organizations fighting hunger.

Mazon Canada represents a modern-day implementation of the injunction repeated during the Passover seder — let all who are hungry come and eat, said Aarons.

In addition to raising money to combat hunger, Mazon Canada also attempts to educate people about the issue of hunger while giving them an opportunity to do something about it, Aarons said.

40 participants

So far, about 40 restaurants and retailers have signed on to the Sukkot campaign.

Among the confirmed participants are: A Touch of Ginger, Abacus, Abrams Meats, Bentley's Seafood Restaurant, Bloomsberry Restaurant, Blueberry Hill Restaurants, Bregman's, Bruno's Fine Foods, Coleman's Restaurant Deli and Catering, Centre Street Deli, Chopstix Glatt Kosher Restaurant, Dairy Treats, Golden Griddle Restaurant (Yonge/Davisville), Hakerem Restaurant, Il Fornello (Yonge Street), Isaac's Bakery, Jacob's Caterers (Clark Ave.), Kosher City, Marky's Glatt Kosher Delicatessen & Restaurant, Milk'N Honey, My Zaidy's Bakery, Nortown Foods, Original Bakery Cafe, Pasta Kitchen (Leslie Street), Patachou Patisserie (Yonge Street), Pickle Barrel (Leslie Street), Peter Graben Caterers, Richman's Kosher Bakery, St. Urbain Bagel Bakery, The Second Cup (Bayview/York Mills), Strolis Strictly Kosher Food Products, Sweet Sue Pastries (Dufferin Street), Tov-Li Pizza & Falafel, United Bakers Dairy Restaurant, Upper West Side, Yossi's Kosher Fine Foods, Yitz's Delicatessen & Catering.

Helaine Shiff with her husband Allan, after receiving the International Volunteer of the Year award in Washington, D.C.

Diabetes group to fete volunteer

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The reality of diabetes is what the Shiff family lives with, day by day.

Lorne Shiff, 29, has had insulin injections since he was a lad of seven. Helaine Shiff, his mother, is president of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Canada and has been named Volunteer of the Year by Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International.

Lorne and his wife Corey (they have been married for three years) and his sister, Melissa, 25, are among the ardent supporters of the JDFC gala and raffle at Westin Harbor Castle Nov. 18, as is their father, Alan, a well known Toronto developer.

Though she is stepping down as president of JDFC in October after a three-year term, Helaine Shiff will be spending just as much time as a volunteer, concentrating on corporate solicitations and on research funding as a member of the International's research committee.She has been elected to a three-year term on the International's board of directors.

What drives Shiff on in this work is her belief that research will uncover major victories in the fight against a malady that is the third largest cause of death by disease in the world.

For instance, she has high hopes for a project on islet cell transplantation in Edmonton headed by Dr. Alex Rabinovitch which would make daily insulin injections unnecessary. This research, along with a project on nephrology at Montreal Chilldren's Hospital, headed by Dr. Keith Drummond, are supported by a grant of $6 million over five years.

"There are no major answers yet but the odds are growing greater all the time in favor of the people with diabetes," she said.

Her efforts to raise money for research is spurred by her belief that diabetes ranks far behind cancer and heart disease in public awareness and support. As the life span lengthens, she points out, more and more people will develop late onset diabetes.

The hope of the future for diabetics lies in research on the whole immune system which may also hold the key to cancer and multiple sclerosis, she believes.

Shiff is a member of the National Council of Jewish Women. She has served as a director of the Secular Jewish Association and has done work with learning-disabled children and their parents.

Her recreational interest is classical music and she is a member of Music Toronto's board of directors.

The raffle for a Rolls Royce and gala have become a feature of Toronto life in the past 15 years. Tickets for the raffle are $100 and for the gala $250. For further information,call the JDFC, 416 510-1350.

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Organizations and People

Jewish demographic changes seen hurting volunteerism

By BILL GLADSTONE

TORONTO —

Changes in Jewish family life in recent decades have made it harder for Jewish organizations to enlist volunteers, an author and professor of social work at the University of Toronto told a gathering of members of the Hadassah-WIZO Organization recently.

The rising number of singles presents one of the biggest changes to the structure of contemporary Jewish families, according to Dr. Benjamin Schlesinger. "We never had so many Jewish never-married singles," he said. "In the good-old, bad-old days of 30, 40, 50 years ago, if you were a Jewish man or woman and weren't married, everyone tried to match you up. At age 25 they sent you to a doctor.

Schlesinger characterized today's young Jewish singles as highly educated and career-oriented "non-joiners" who postpone marriage until well into their 30s and remain unaffiliated with Jewish organizations. Even after marriage, many Jewish couples disdain the high fees of big shuls in favor of smaller community groups. "They're not interested in hugeness, they're interested in closeness," Schlesinger said.

Another trend affecting the community "is what I call Jewish living together. There's a new term to describe this — you say, 'This is my co-vivant.' It's used only in Canada. Don't say it to an American because they don't speak French."

Commonly, both groom and bride might give the same address to their marrying rabbi, Schlesinger said. "Twenty-five years ago, that wouldn't have happened. If you lived together you wouldn't tell the rabbi." Schlesinger joked that organizations wanting to attract volunteers should have a "co-vivant" evening.

Couples postponing parenthood

Marrying late, many Jewish couples then postpone parenthood, Schlesinger noted, citing a statistic that one-third of all first births are to women over 35. A second child might come a few years later, he said, when the parents are pushing 40 and tired. "How are you going to get volunteers from that group?" he wondered.

Another modern trend is one-parent families, he said. Whereas in the pre-war era, most one-parent families resulted from the death of the spouse, today most are due primarily to divorce and separation. "The question is: How can our organization help one-parent families and make them feel less isolated?" Perhaps organizations could offer limited day-care, he suggested.

Schlesinger spoke humorously about what he termed the "sandwich generation." He described a three-layer sandwich where the top layer consists of young adult children still living at home or who return to the empty nest after several years on their own.

"The bottom of the sandwich are elderly parents who are living longer and requiring some support from somebody. And who is that somebody? The sandwich generation, who have to worry about their younger ones as well.

"This middle is so busy serving the other generations, how are you going to get them to come to your meetings?"

Schlesinger completed his demographic sketch of the modern Jewish community by describing the growing segment of seniors aged 65 plus. This group presently accounts for 12 percent of the population, he said, a figure expected to double over the next decade.

However, the Jewish grandparents of today are not the frail, elderly, old-fashioned kind from yesteryear, he said. "Our image of bubby and zaida is changing. Today's young-old are active, they're jogging and they're travelling.

"They also will volunteer but they won't volunteer as in the past. They're not interested only in fundraising. They want some challenges." To much laughter and applause, Schlesinger suggested a program for seniors entitled Sex Over 60.

Quebec minister slams 'no' group

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Quebec cabinet minister John Ciaccia said the "xenophobic approach" taken by the St. Jean Baptiste Society in its promotion of the 'no' vote in the referendum will "backfire."

Answering questions from representatives of the ethnic media, Ciaccia, minister of international affairs, said, "There's no question, they're trying to take what one group called a xenophobic approach...

"But I don't think they will get too far with that approach. It's very divisive. If they continue, they will only strengthen the 'yes' side. But there will always be prejudice."

The comments stemmed from the SJBS's advertisement in French-language dailies, headed French in Danger/No to Ottawa's Project and a text stating: "It's a fact: The share of francophones on the island of Montreal is in a free-fall. The non-francophone population is growing five times as fast as the francophone population.

"The dropping birthrate, exodus of young families, arrival of newcomers, they all contribute. At this pace, we will be minorities sooner or later."

Ciaccia and Rita de Santis, president of the Quebec Liberal Party's ethnic groups commission, called a press conference ostensibly to provide information on the Charlottetown deal and the referendum procedure.

But Ciaccia spent most of the time explaining why his government supports the deal and urging members of ethnic communities to vote for it.

He said the accord recognizes the rights of the English and French minorities in Canada, and the multicultural nature of the country. He pointed to the section of the Canada Clause which lists among the "fundamental characteristics" of the country a commitment to "racial and ethnic equality in a society that includes citizens from many lands who have contributed, and continue to contribute, to the building of a strong Canada that reflects its cultural and racial diversity."

Seniors chronicle their 'early years'

By RANDI DRUZIN

TORONTO —

"We had mixed feelings, happy expectations and fear. The crossing took six-seven days when we finally reached dry land. It was a beautiful feeling to arrive at our destination. The place was Halifax, and after numerous checking through our papers, ourselves, and our personal belongings, we were transferred to the railway station. There, a very long train was waiting for us, and we had to find our place.

As I was holding my son in my arms and repeatedly asked myself: 'Are we doing the right thing'?

The story of Helen Izso's journey from war-torn Europe to Canada in 1949 is fascinating and, as part of a collection of similar immigration stories, inspiring.

Izso's account is featured in *Canada — My Choice: A Collection of Immigration Stories*, a publication put together in honor of Canada's 125th birthday. It includes stories written by 11 members of the creative writing group of the Joseph E. and Minnie Wagman Centre and the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Paula David, supervisor of the Wagman Centre's social, cultural and educational department, worked with the members for three months as they wrote memoirs of their arrivals in Canada, explaining their reasons for choosing this country and describing their early years here.

David describes the immigration stories presented as "an important and generally untold piece of early Canadian history. The adjustments, hardships and eventual triumphs are a testament to both the individual authors and our country," she says, "a combination that gives us something to celebrate."

Most of the contributors, she says, are Holocaust survivors who learned English as adults.

Two of the contributing writers have already written books for publication. Toby Flam's book, *Toby: Her Journey From Lodz to Samarkand (and Beyond)*, was published in 1988. Ibi Grossman wrote a book *Ibi Grossman, An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times*. It was published in 1990 by the History Society of Ontario.

Canada — My Choice was put together for the authors and their families, but response has been so favorable that David is planning to approach the government regarding publication on a larger scale.

This prospect pleases many of the writers because they believe the collection has a special significance. "Everyone should see this book," says contributing writer, Lili Reti, who came to Canada from Budapest in 1948. "People should know about our experiences, and we won't be around much longer to tell them. They should remember history."

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Social work professor predicts increased abuse of elderly

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

As seniors live longer, and the cost to taxpayers of their pensions grows, there will be increasing "frustration" on the part of young people and the likelihood of abuse of elderly people will increase.

This was the prediction recently of Professor Benjamin Schlesinger of the University of Toronto Faculty of Social Work at a packed meeting in the North York City Council chamber sponsored by the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living.

Financial abuse of the elderly will get worse as more of them need to live at home owing to government cutbacks of nursing homes, homes for the aged, and chronic hospitals for the aged, he said.

"By the year 2020 my prediction is that most families will not help the elderly at all and that the government will have to look after them."

He was speaking at Elder Abuse Prevention Day in North York co-sponsored by the centre and Mayor Mel Lastman of North York.

"Abuse of the elderly is a serious problem that exists in our community, we can't hide it any longer and must bring it to the surface," said Lastman. "In 1984, when I first brought it up, nobody believed that people would be locked in rooms and beaten."

Many abused parents feel ashamed that somebody they trust has let them down, said Reta Duenisch-Turner, chairman. She urged anyone with information about an elderly person being abused to phone the Awareness Project at the Bernard Betel Centre. (225-2112)

Young people are asking "where will the money come from?" Schlesinger said, noting that they have coined a new term, Woopies, meaning "well off older persons."

Most of the homes in Canada are owned by seniors, he said, with young people finding it increasingly difficult to buy their own places. "In 10 years it will get worse."

Although 4 percent of elderly people are abused, the bright side of the picture is that 96 percent are not, Schlesinger said.

"The next generation of older people will not allow themselves to be exploited and will not allow people to dump on them," he said.

While seniors only comprise 12 percent of the population today, by the year 2020 one out of four persons will be 65 years or over, he said.

Thirty percent of Canadian families are one-parent families and all but 15 percent of them are headed by women. The number of second marriages is rising so fast that last year one of every four marriages performed was a second marriage.

Because of the rise in second and third marriages, children now have to be referred to "as mine, yours and ours," he said. Some children will have six sets of grandparents, he speculated.

The changing Canadian family reflects the fact that one-quarter of all births are to women over the age of 33, and Canada now has the smallest families in the world, the average family now consisting of husband and wife and 1.3 children. A total of 10 percent of couples have decided not to have children and only 14 percent of families have a full-time homemaker.

Two scenes dealing with elder abuse presented by a company from Bernard Betel were well received. The scenes, writtten by Sylvia Batcher and Duenisch-Turner, and directed by Shawn Zevit, were performed by Harold Segal, Evelyn Rabkin, Lillian Biren, Sadie Rose and Fay Levy.

The Raging Grannies, a group of five women who sing songs of social protest, opened the program. "A lot of us are younger than we look and older than we feel," said Betsy Carr, one of its members.

CIDA gives ORT a hand to help the Third World

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Mother and children care and education in Third World countries has improved dramatically in the last 12 years thanks to grants given to Canadian ORT by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

The grants, initiated in 1972, have enabled Canadian ORT, under national president Bernard Gross and in financial partnership with CIDA, to establish mother and child care and distance education programs in such countries as Peru, Uruguay, Zaire, Brazil, Mexico and Venezuela.

Yaacov Erez, executive director, Ontario Men's ORT, says that ORT, established 112 years ago in Russia, is today the largest vocational and technical system in the world with schools in 40 countries. "Part of our system includes programs for some of the world's most disadvantaged children and their parents."

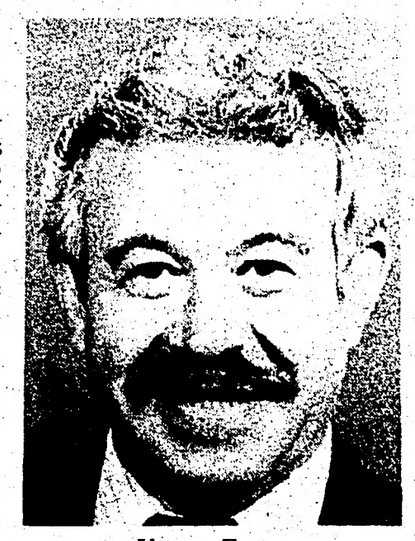
He explains that the distance education programs, designed by ORT and supervised by ORT and CIDA, are intended to train recipients to develop a skill or trade so that they may acquire the means to earn a living.

"The projects' objectives are to provide specially tailored courses to deprived individuals living in rural areas, in order to create opportunities of self-employment for them. The aim is to reduce the migration of non-skilled persons to the cities by giving them a better chance to work in the area where they live."

He says that ORT creates its own teaching materials in subjects including domestic electrical appliances maintenance, office secretary, plumbing for rural installations and electronic instruments maintenance.

"The students study them on their own time at home and then go to the ORT centre for practical training. As a student passes an evaluation test at the centre, he goes on to the next teaching unit until he completes the course. It generally takes about four to six months after which time a certificate is awarded."

Erez says that the Mother and Child Care project was designed to develop a self-help, social action plan



Yaacov Erez

that will improve the living conditions and meet the basic needs of deprived communities living in the poorest areas of large cities.

"These projects focus, among other things, on preventive health, nutrition and preschool education for children 6 years old. As well, it provides a large training program targeted at mothers who will be instructed in community-oriented activities and teaching skills as well as leaders who will take control of the project activities once ORT withdraws."

He notes that most ORT projects are completed within three years, after which the communities are able to run them themselves.

Erez stresses that what is "most impressive about ORT is that it is present in so many places worldwide. The total student enrolment is 250,000 and no-one is turned away because of lack of funds. In Israel alone we recently absorbed more than 6,000 new students in the 130 schools due to the massive immigration. We've even provided jobs because some immigrants have joined the staff of our schools. Absorbing so many students is a major undertaking so it is essential that more support is given to ORT."

He says that in Israel, ORT offers a variety of study frameworks including technological and scientific secondary schools, factory schools in cooperation with the Ministry of Labor and Welfare, apprenticeship schools and educational centres for under-achievers in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture. Other schools include engineering, fashion and secretarial trades and both religious and secular comprehensive schools.

He adds that ORT is now in the process of working on a Canadian school which will probably be in the Toronto area. "With so many people out of work and in need of retraining, the times are right for an ORT school and the government is quite supportive. We are presently studying the needs of the Canadian community."

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The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation/American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee international summer camp was opened in 1990. This summer 1,525 Jewish youngsters hailing from Hungary, the former Soviet Union, the former Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Poland are expected to attend.

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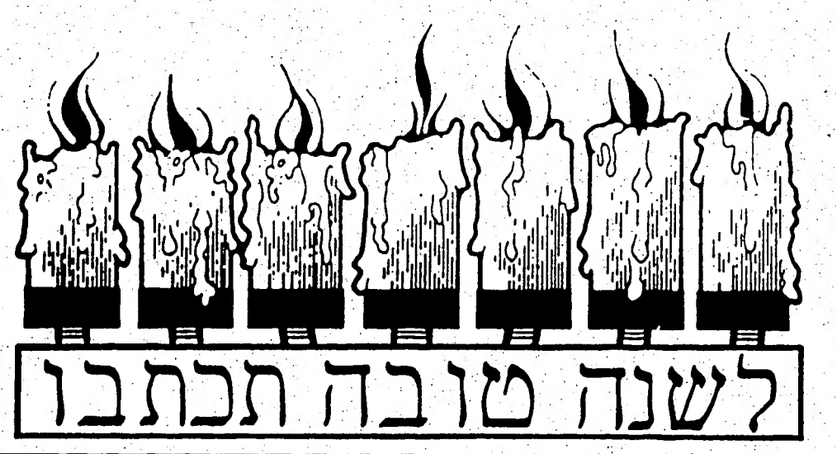

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Organizations and People

Vivian Anhang

Cooking classes set for the fall

TORONTO —

The Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with Vaad Harabonim of Toronto, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, has announced its lineup of fall cooking classes.

"The COR cooking classes have been overwhelmingly successful," said Cynthia Gasner, the information and public relations director for the Council and organizer of the department's educational programs. "For the fall season, by popular demand, we are repeating two classes and will be presenting two additional new courses."

The classes and demonstrations will be given by Vivian Anhang, a teacher and graduate home economist who has had many years of experience in presenting food related programs to all segments of the community.

Esther Schwartz, the kosher food consultant for the Kashruth Council, is the co-ordinator of the classes and Judy Hecht is Anhang's assistant.

The classes will once again be held at the Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. There is ample parking and convenient public transportation. The fee for each class is $15.

On Nov. 3, there will be a repeat class (V2) Gourmet Cooking Made Easy which will feature stuffed and glazed Cornish hens, Chinese roll with pastry, split pea and barley soup, colorful salad and Dutch apple cake. Some new hors d'oeuvres have been added.

On Nov. 10, there will be a new class (V17), Convenience Meals. This class will familiarize students with convenience cooking, utilizing prepared products. It will include potato piroge casserole, quick soup, easy delicious chicken, quick fruit pie, vegetables in patty shells and potato patties with fish or meat.

On Nov. 24, there will be a one-session repeat class (V12) Italian Cooking. This class concentrates on Italian dishes including bean soup Venetian style, macaroni pizzarolaa, chicken cacciatore, veal meringo, fennel salad, pear flambe, and other Italian delights.

The final session will be held on Dec. 1. This is a new class — (V18) International Cooking. Dishes from around the world include Israeli — avocado, carrot and orange salad-salat pilchei avocado gezer bemitz tapuzim; Chinese — chicken conge soup-chi'chu; Hawaiian — Hawaiian veal stew; Italian — broccoli braised with white wine-broccoli alla Romano; French — deep dish cherry cake-clafoutis aux cerises; and Hungarian walnut slices-dios szelet.

The classes are limited in enrolment. Registration treated on a first-come-first-serve basis. To register, send your name, address, postal code, phone number (home and work) and indicate the class or classes you wish to take.

Enclose a postdated cheque, dated on the day of the class. If registering for more than one class, please send a separate postdated cheque for each class.

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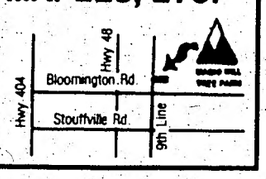

Na'amat prepares brief on abuse

MONTREAL —

On a recent visit to Israel, Na'amat Canada's national social issues chairman Dr. Agnes Meinhard interviewed several lawyers involved in Na'amat Israel's multi-faceted activities on behalf of abused women. On the basis of her research, she drafted a brief — to be submitted to the Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women — which was circulated to the 40 national board members of Na'amat Canada who convened for their annual meeting in Hamilton, Ont.

The thrust of the brief was to present the work of Na'amat Israel on this issue and point out some of the progressive legislation enacted by the Israeli government in response to Na'amat's lobbying. The brief outlines similar problems in Canada and makes recommendations for improved legislation to protect victims of violence.

Meinhard reported that research is still being conducted by Na'amat volunteers in Canadian cities, with a view to compiling a comprehensive report and recommendations for legislative action for submission to the Canadian government. In the major cities, the focus is on the incidence of violence against women in the Jewish community and the need for social services to alleviate the problem.

Bunny Levy, Montreal social issues chairman, referred to an amendment to the Canadian Divorce Act, passed in 1991, which pertains to the get. Now, a person cannot be granted a civil divorce until all obstacles to remarriage within the faith have been removed. Many people are unaware that such a law was enacted in Canada. Levy circulated copies of the text and asked members to disseminate the information as widely as possible within their communities.

Many synagogues are now urging young couples to sign a pre-nuptial agreement which states that in the event of divorce, both parties agree to give and to receive a get. The Beth Tikva synagogue in Dollard des Ormeaux (Montreal) has incorporated into its constitution a clause denying membership to any person who is known to have refused to give a spouse a get when the marriage is dissolved by civil decree.

There is in Montreal, a Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get. This coalition of Jewish women's organizations will write to rabbis across the country to urge them to adopt similar action.

Levy reported that the coalition is planning an International Year of the Agunah (a woman who has been denied a get) to urge rabbis in Israel to find a halachic solution to the plight of the 4,000 agunot in Israel and the many thousands more in the Diaspora.

The board unanimously adopted a motion that Na'amat Canada be part of the International Coalition for the Agunah.

National president Rhona Blanshay, who attended the Labor Zionist Movement Convention and the World Zionist Congress meetings in July, stated that at the LZM convention, held following the Labor Party victory at the polls, there was a spirit of optimism about the future.

National convention chairman Florence Simon announced that Na'amat Canada's 10th Triennial Convention will be held at the Delta Hotel in Montreal, Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 1993. The convention theme is: Un Reve Pour Demain — A Dream For Tomorrow.

Messianic Jewish groups launch new drive for converts, says Ciss

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Jews for Judaism, the counter-missionary group, is warning of what it calls a new, aggressive campaign by messianic Jewish groups to seek fresh converts in Toronto.

"It's scary and it's just the tip of the iceberg," says Jews for Judaism Canadian director Julius Ciss of new movements by several messianic groups here. "Toronto is becoming a hot spot."

Ciss says at least three of the 36 known missionary organizations operating in southern Ontario are mounting aggressive drives to seek new believers. He says these groups target Jews for conversion, sometimes with success, to what amounts to evangelical Christianity.

"The community has to be warned. The reason they're out there is because they're successful. This wouldn't be happening if they met resistance," Ciss told *The CJN* last week.

Messianic Jews, also known as Hebrew-Christians, accept Jesus (referred to as Yeshua) as the Messiah. Often, they straddle the line between Judaism and Christianity, celebrating both religions' holidays, and cite biblical admonitions to spread Christian beliefs to Jews first.

The groups are perhaps better known for distributing literature on streets and in public places. Their leaders preach the New Testament but also claim to be Jewish and many say they're "born again."

Ciss, a one-time member of Jews for Jesus, says the Jewish community should take notice of the following "alarming" developments:

• Baruch Goldstein has left his position as Canadian director of Jews for Jesus to take up as a "messianic rabbi" at Congregation Melech Yisrael, a Hebrew-Christian congregation on Ranee Avenue in North York (the group's June newsletter says Goldstein, an ordained Baptist minister, is taking a "pastorate"). Goldstein replaces Rev. Hans Vanderwerff as spiritual leader.

The congregation has sent out a mailing touting its High Holiday services for Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur and Sukkot. The notice says tickets are free.

The congregation has also sent out a small calendar marking Jewish holidays and containing prayers in Hebrew.

"This is deception at the highest level," charges Ciss, who was a founding member of Melech Yisrael. "We're dealing with a Christian church."

As for Goldstein, "he's a Baptist minister and he's calling himself a rabbi. You tell me that's not deception."

Goldstein told *The CJN* last week that he is the congregational leader and denied he is using the title of rabbi.

He said his congregation and other messianic organizations have not embarked on a new campaign to recruit Jews.

"We've been doing it for as long as we've been around. It's part of the mandate we have as messianic Jews to reach out to fellow Jews.

"People ask me who told me to do this. I say, 'My rabbi.' Who's my rabbi? Yeshua."

Goldstein said messianic movements in and around Toronto have not been very successful at converting Jews.

"Imagine: Chosen People Ministries based in the centre of Canada's largest Jewish community, daily ministering the Gospel and expanding our outreach to Jewish persons throughout Canada."

Larry Rich, the ministry's Canadian director, told *The CJN* the group is moving to Toronto "because we feel a calling to share Messiah with Jewish people. We believe that believing in Jesus is a completion of our Jewishness."

• The Messianic Jewish Alliance of Canada will be hosting the International Messianic Jewish (Hebrew Christian) Alliance Conference in Toronto from Oct. 19 to 24.

Ciss says one way to counter all this missionary activity is through public awareness and education. He offers an intensive, eight-week training course, called "What every Jew should know about missionaries." The next course begins Oct. 21.

Canadian headquarters relocated

• Chosen People Ministries (Canada) established 52 years ago, is moving its Canadian headquarters from Hamilton to Toronto next month.

"Many more Canadian Jews are open and hungry for the truth of Messiah," a ministry mailing states. It describes Toronto's Jewish population as "very conservative ... not very tolerant of the Gospel or of missionaries. It takes a long time for someone reaching out to Jewish people in Toronto to earn the trust and respect of the community and thus the right to be heard. Having our headquarters in Toronto would allow us to become part of the community and open doors for the Gospel.

Dolansky becomes president of Canadian Dental Association

CALGARY —

Dr. Bernard Dolansky has assumed the office of president of the Canadian Dental Association following the association's annual convention, held in Calgary recently.

Dolansky has been active in all levels of organized dentistry including the Ottawa Dental Society and the Ontario Dental Association. He was ODA president in 1986-87.

He is a member of the Canadian Academy of Endodontists, the American Association of Endodontists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and a fellow of the International College of Dentists. Dolansky is also heavily involved with the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa.

After receiving his doctorate in dental surgery from the University of Montreal in 1970 Dolansky received an endodontics certificate and masters of science degree from Northwestern University in Chicago. He has been practising endodontics in Ottawa since 1973. His many awards include a research fellowship from the Medical Research Council of Canada.

The Canadian Dental Association is the national voice of dentistry in Canada, dedicated to meeting members needs and promoting optimal oral health for Canadians.

Bernard Dolansky

Kashruth Directory released

TORONTO —

The Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with Vaad Harabonim of Toronto, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, has just published the Tishrei, 5753, 1993 Kashruth Directory. Cynthia Gasner, the editor of the directory, says that there has been a tremendous growth in products and services under COR supervision and certification.

"There are ongoing changes in the food business and it is a tremendous task for our staff to keep the directory current," she says. "With our new computerized system, we are able to keep more up-to-date on our listings."

More than 5,000 families throughout Canada, the United States and beyond are on COR's mailing list and receive the directory and other informational materials. Thousands more receive the information through communal organizations.

Gasner notes that there is still a growing demand from food producers looking for kashruth supervision. The directory includes hotels, bakeries, butcher shops, fish markets, restaurants, take-out services, catering establishments, public institutions, kosher food stores, novelty stores, summer camps, day care centres, resorts and conference centres. It includes information on the dietary laws.

The Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, headed by Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner, has a rabbinical board and more than 50 mashgichim (kashruth inspectors).

Irving Feldman, chairman of the Kashruth Council, says, "We are very pleased that we are able to provide an ever-increasing number of kosher products and facilities under COR supervision available to the kosher consumer."

Rabbi Mordechai Levin, the executive director of the Kashruth Council, says that the directory is part of the ongoing educational and informational program carried on by the kosher information department of the Council which provides a service to the entire community.

He notes that throughout the year the kashruth deparment sends out directory updates and holiday information which is distributed without charge to those on the mailing list. COR also operates a cooking school and provides other programs as a service to the community.

"We believe that it is important to keep the community informed of the new products and companies joining the COR family and we make every effort to circulate this information at regular intervals," adds Rabbi Levin.

Rabbi Nachman Shemen, executive director emeritus and a consultant to the department since his recent retirement as executive director, told *The CJN* that the directory and the information programs receive an overwhelming response from the community. He notes that the department receives numerous letters of commendation and donations from across Canada and abroad.

"Without the generous support of the community, we would have to discontinue some of our excellent information services," says Rabbi Shemen.

There is no charge for the kashruth directory. Contributions over $5 are tax receiptable. Arrangements can be made by schools and organizations for bulk quantities of the directory for a nominal charge.

The 1993 Kashruth Directory is available from your synagogue or from the Kashruth Council, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont. M3R 3V2 or phone (416) 635-9550.

Teens' concerns focus of book

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

What do Jewish teenagers think about some of the major issues confronting them and their Jewishness?

To find the answers to these questions, Andrea Sugar, who has a background in education, and Anna Zuckerman, who holds a degree in broadcast journalism, mothers of teenage children who attend the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), with the co-operation of the administration, staff, social counsellors from the Jewish Family and Child Services and students at the school, carried out an in-depth survey.

Some 400 students, from 14 to 18 years old, addressed a number of topics of concern to teenagers and the Jewish community including anti-Semitism, Jewish identity, Jewish education, intermarriage, assimilation, drugs and other topics high on the agenda for the '90s.

The responses from the CHAT students were compiled by Sugar and Zuckerman and the result is a recently published book, *Voices: Jewish Teens of the 90s.*

CHAT is a co-educational high school that combines the academic curriculum with an intensive Judaic studies program. Sugar and Zuckerman are active members of the Friends of CHAT, a parent group that Andrea Sugar founded five years ago to promote community awareness of CHAT.

"We felt that the book should not only serve as a forum for intelligent reflection an discussion for teenagers," says Zuckerman, "but would appeal to parents, educators and teachers in the broader community."

She comments that the submissions were "passionate and poetic, loud opinionated voices and soft spiritual voices and analytical voices — we were overwhelmed by the material."

For almost a year, the editors ploughed through "mountains" of submissions. "We felt touched by the grasp the students had on a sense of Judaism and their commitment and vision of themselves as Jews," says Sugar.

Zuckerman explains that it was a very emotional experience to read the thoughts of the teenagers. "We felt so many things, so proud of their sensibility and their standards of excellence and so sad at the description of the anti-Semitism they were encountering."

The editors point out that the material submitted was not edited on literary merits but on the qualities of truth and feeling. "Our aim was to capture the spontaneity and the passion of the writers."

The original concept of *Voices* was to encourage Jewish teenagers to share with other teens specific concerns and experiences relevant to their lives.

"The school population represents a wide range of Jewish religious affiliations," Sugar noted. "We believe that CHAT provides a social and learning model for all groups who drive to maintain their cultural and religious uniqueness, while sharing the complexity and richness of the modern world."

The book reflects a wide range of attitudes, opinions and perspectives and it expresses the challenges and concerns of these teenagers.

This book of teenagers' values is a project of Friends of CHAT. It is available at Israel's: The Judaic Centre's two locations, and the Negev Book and Gift Store ($10). It will be available at Jewish book departments in stores throughout the country.

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The following new general minimum wage rates (excluding harvest workers) take effect at the beginning of the work week in which **November 1, 1992,** occurs:

GENERAL (including domestics)	**New Rate**	**Previous Rate**
General (hourly)	**$6.35**	(6.00)
Students under 18 (hourly)	**5.90**	(5.55)
Liquor servers (hourly)	**5.50**	(5.50)
Hunting/fishing guides (day, 5 hours +)	**63.50**	(60.00)
Hunting/fishing guides (less than 5 hours)	**31.75**	(30.00)

The following new minimum wage rates for fruit, vegetable and tobacco harvesters will go into effect on **January 1, 1993:**

Adults	**$6.35**	(6.00)
Students under 18	**5.90**	(5.55)

Maximum room and meal allowances in calculating the minimum wage (applicable to general workers at the beginning of the work week in which **November 1, 1992** occurs, and to harvest workers on **January 1, 1993**):

Room - private (weekly)	**$29.40**	(27.80)
- non-private (weekly)	**14.70**	(13.90)
Meals - (each)	**2.35**	(2.20)
- (weekly)	**49.35**	(46.20)
Room and meals (weekly)		
- with private room	**78.75**	(74.00)
- with non-private lodging	**64.05**	(60.10)
Housing (weekly) for harvest workers only		
- serviced	**92.10**	(87.00)
- unserviced	**67.95**	(64.20)

For more information contact your local Ministry of Labour Office.

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שנה טובה

Yom Kippur lesson: God is always with us

By IRVING GREENBERG

The most tormenting religious conundrum has always been the range of life circumstances of good people and bad.

Some good people enjoy good lives but many others experience suffering and sickness. Conversely, some evildoers are afflicted but "why is the life path of (so many) wicked people successful?" (*Jeremiah 12:1*).

The randomness of fate seems "proof" that there is no divine hand guiding existence. "The same thing happens to all (creatures)," says *Ecclesiastes (3:19)* and sinks into despair and skepticism.

In ancient pagan cultures, fate bound everyone — even the gods — in the web of necessity and suffering. Judaism broke the iron law of fate and history by revealing the God of freedom and Exodus who makes new things happen in history and in life *(Isaiah 43:19; Jeremiah 31:21)*.

In modern culture, the balance has swung back. As science establishes the distribution of disease and genetic malfunction, many come to believe that Creation is the product of blind mechanical process rather than an existence sustained by a personal God.

Traditionalists respond to this dilemma by telling miraculous tales of our time. But for more and more modernized people, the statistical unrelatedness between goodness and good life overwhelms this anecdotal counterview.

Yom Kippur offers an alternative religious vision. The covenant between God and humanity does not guarantee that only good things happen to good people. Divine Providence does mean that our fate is given to us by God — and God cares. Therefore, at every step, in whatever circumstances we are in, God is with us.

We are commanded to transform conditions for the better. God lovingly made us partners to perfect the world and to treasure life. But, even when circumstances of sickness, evil and suffering cannot be changed, we are not abandoned.

Yom Kippur teaches us to look through the obscuring cloud of circumstances and encounter the never departing Divine Presence found in existence and in our lives. Now, can I go beyond sin and guilt? Having done all that I can to change and improve life, can I now embrace my life as it is? If I can, I thereby embrace God as well.

The classic Yom Kippur Temple worship teaches this lesson. Once a year, the High Priest would enter the Holy of Holies to encounter the most palpable presence of the Divine on earth. Through sacrifices, sprinkling blood and confession, the estrangement and alienation of sin were transmuted into a renewed covenantal love between Israel and God during the course of this day.

Just before entering, however, two identical hairy goats were brought before the High Priest. He drew lots. One marked "for God" was placed on one goat. The second lot, marked "for Azazel," designated the other as the symbolic scapegoat. Thus, by one slight gesture (drawing lots) two identical beings were sent to totally divergent destinies, for no discernible reason.

The first goat was slaughtered in holiness, its blood offered up in the holiest place on the holiest day by the High Priest in a ritual of forgiveness and reconciliation between God and Israel.

All the sins, transgressions and iniquities of the children of Israel were confessed and symbolically placed on the head of the other goat. It was then sent away into the wilderness *(Leviticus 16:22)*. There the goat was pushed off a cliff, eventually landing as an unrecoverable bloody pulp (Yoma 67A) — almost as if abandoned by God to the demonic forces.

Yet appearances are deceiving. In fact, the two goats' destinies were one. Both were led in a precisely scripted sacramental scenario to their end. Both were handled by a specially designated representative of the sacred realm, every step of the way. Most importantly, both goats filled one and the same purpose — serving as ritual occasion for forgiveness and reconciliation.

The goat walking the grim way to the demon's lair of the wilderness was walking the same path as the animal left behind in the sacred center of the earth. The priest driving the young kid to desolation was walking with God and for God every step of that endless way — just like the priest who carefully put one foot down after another, unshodden because this was holy ground, leading the goat in the Temple. If this identity was understood, Israel was reunited with God. Desolation was liberated from demons and despair.

The lesson is clear: our fate appears to be the outcome of chance; in truth, it is our given destiny. Each one of us is part of the chain of life. My life is my mission. No role is unimportant and no task too trivial for tikkun olam.

Not their circumstances but how people respond, defines the religious character of their lives. In every situation, given what cannot be changed, there is an ideal response. No road is God-forsaken; my Partner is with me at every turn.

Like all human beings, I desperately hope that happiness, health, understanding, fame, ease will be my lot. At times, I am embittered by difficult life circumstances; sometimes I am tempted to renounce all meaning.

But on Yom Kippur, my consciousness expands; I no longer see the universe as centered on me. As a covenant partner and lover, I reach beyond the facts of joy or pain, ease or effort.

In this moment, with this movement, Yom Kippur rises to its full status as a Day of At-one-ment. My self and my life are reconciled and restored as new. God and humanity are whole again, as in that primeval, perfect Eden of Creation.

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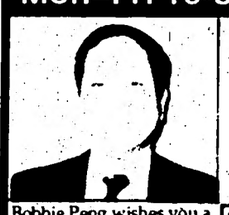

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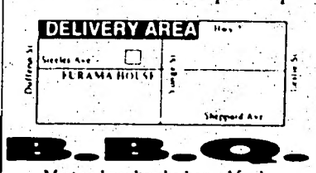

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Arts

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

In Touch: The Ladder to Sexual Satisfaction by Dr. Beryl Chernick & Dr. Noam Chernick (Sound Feelings Ltd. $16.95 (paper).

What is proper and improper in the area of sex? What is natural? What is moral and what is merely conventional? What is relative to our time and culture and what is permanently and universally right and wrong?

No one knows the answers to these questions, though many pretend they do — and some would enforce their own answers upon the whole of the community, the country, or the world, if possible.

The fact of the matter is that different societies at different times have had varying sexual customs, practices and attitudes, and while some may be more just or practical or socially harmonious than others, we cannot condemn such differences out of hand, as we condemn murder, stealing and cruelty.

One does not have to like, or approve of, polygamy or homosexuality or cohabitation outside of marriage, any more than one has to like, or approve of, the subordinate position given to women in the Judaic, Christian, and Islamic traditions. But these are mostly social and cultural patterns, which change with time and conditions.

In our culture sex is something set apart, a special subject, veiled in all kinds of mysteries, and pulled out of the normal, natural orbit of life. Even when we present it clinically, or hygienically, as in classrooms, it's taken out of emotional context and turned into a "function."

But sex is much more than a function. It's physical, it's psychological, it's social, it's symbolic — it's a complex of actions and reactions, emotions and repressions, all of which have to be working fairly well together in order for the process to fulfil itself as it was meant to.

In Touch is a revised and expanded edition of a much praised work that first appeared in 1977. The husband and wife authors are well known sex therapists who practice in London, Ontario.

This work emphasizes that physical intimacy is part of a pattern of interaction and communication that takes place in every area of a person's life. The Chernicks — knowledgeable, sympathetic and patient — lead a young, sexually dysfunctional couple through a process of therapy. This involves increased information about each others body, how to induce and enhance physical pleasure, overcome erroneous fears and attitudes and express feelings more effectively.

The metaphor of a ladder is used to illustrate the gradual step by step process to greater sexual awareness and maturity. The book's approach is forthright and candid.

In Touch is a splendid gift for couples starting out on the perilous road of marriage or to anyone who is experiencing marital difficulties of a physical nature.

Israelis talk about peace

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Peace, regrettably, still remains very much of a dream in Israel today. Yet happily enough, some Israelis are not waiting for it to break out. They're talking about it and taking practical steps to ensure its inevitability.

These idealists are featured in *The Peacemakers* a thoughtful documentary to be broadcast on Vision TV on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. In Montreal, the show can be seen on CF Cable at the same time.

Reporter Donna Hamilton talks to a rainbow of people — Jews, Arabs and Christians — who yearn for peace and co-existence, both in the realm of politics and daily life. If they're representative of the Israeli population, there is hope after all.

Novelist Amos Oz, a Peace Now advocate, is a realist par excellence. After decades of Arab-Israeli conflict, he doesn't expect immediate Arab-Jewish integration, but a "decent divorce" that'll enable Israelis and Palestinians to get on with their lives in an atmosphere of peace and stability.

Oz, an enviably articulate spokesman, has no illusions about the Palestinian movement, but implies that Israel has no choice but to negotiate with its enemies.

Jews and Arabs rarely cross paths — except, of course, in business or coincidentally. But at Ulpan Akiva, Arabs, Israelis and new Jewish immigrants live and study together as they learn Hebrew and Arabic.

The founder and guiding light of the ulpan is Shulamit Katznelson, who expounds on her philosophy of togetherness. Ali Ahir, an Israeli Arab who teaches Arabic, speaks of his experiences with Jewish students.

Sarah Kramer, an immigrant from the United States and a former Intern for Peace, is the co-founder of the Centre for Arab-Jewish Economic Development. Her partner is an Israeli Arab architect.

Together, they try to foster joint Arab-Jewish ventures. A baklava factory in an Arab village is an example of their handiwork. Projects like this, she hopes, will narrow the gap between Arabs and Jews.

The Peacemakers focuses, as well, on Rabbi David Hartman. He is a progressive Orthodox rabbi in Jerusalem whose goal is to promote religious pluralism in a country where Orthodoxy is dominant. Opposed to "absolute truth," Rabbi Hartman wants to meld tradition with modernity. And he makes the telling point that Israel should not be defined by a minority of messianic Jews with hardline opinions about the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Hamilton also takes us to Nes Amin, a Christian moshav in the heart of Israel. In an effort to be "part and parcel of Israel," as one of the founders, a Dutch woman, explains, the residents observe the Sabbath on Saturday and celebrate all Jewish holidays.

Nes Amin, we're told, offers study programs on Israel and Judaism. It seems to be self-supporting. Its rose-packing factory hums with activity.

At the end, we're left with the impression that peace is not solely dependent on high-powered diplomacy. People from all walks of life and backgrounds can make a difference. And if that's true, the future holds promise for all Israelis.

Eye on Arts

For the first time in almost 30 years, paintings and works on paper by the late Oscar Cahen are being made available to collectors. The Drabinsky Gallery, 86 Scollard St., is currently mounting a major exhibition of Cahen's works selected from his estate.

These works have recently been returned to Canada after lying in storage in the United States since the early 1960s. They represent one of the most influential artists in the development of painting in Toronto.

The exhibition will continue until Oct. 20

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Toronto's media personalities will strut their stuff on Oct. 15 at the 8th annual United Way Celebrity Lip Sync Contest, sponsored by Cantel, at the Phoenix Concert Theatre.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. featuring hosts Humble Howard of radio station CFNY and Valerie Gibson from the *Toronto Sun* for the first half and Teresa Roncon from City TV and Tarzan Dan from CFTR/YTV for the second.

Members of the audience have a chance to win a week in the Laurentian Mountains.

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A new musical comedy *The Last Bar for Eddy Miles*, presented by the Toronto Studio Players, will be performed at Berlin Nightclub, 2335 Yonge St. from Oct. 18 to Nov. 2

It is written by Kevin Gilbert and directed by Hersh Jacob. It revolves around Eddy Miles and an experience in a bar which changes his life. As his memory of that evening is recalled, the patrons find themselves literally in an "emotional release night" that concludes with dramtic search ending answers.

For more information call 489-7777.

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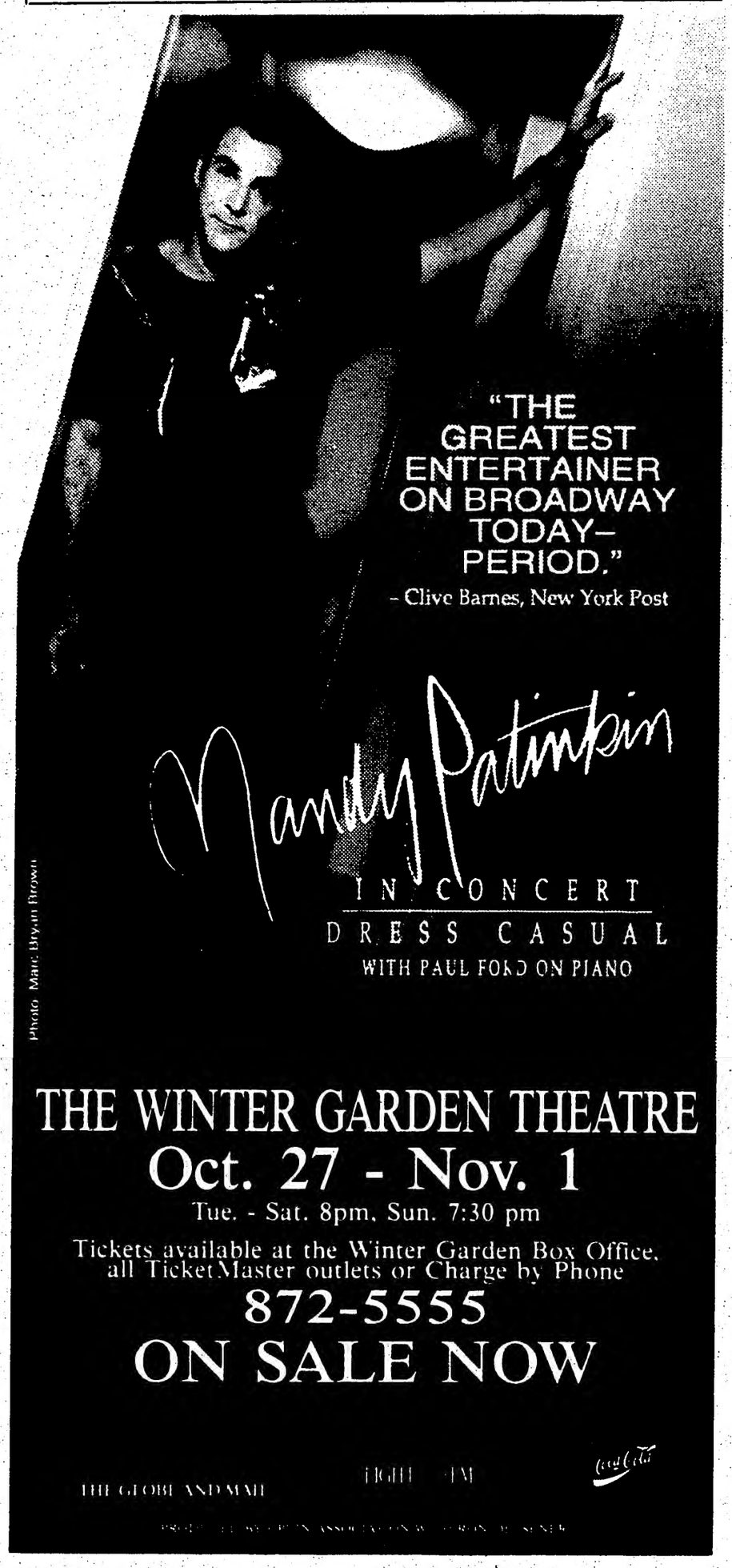
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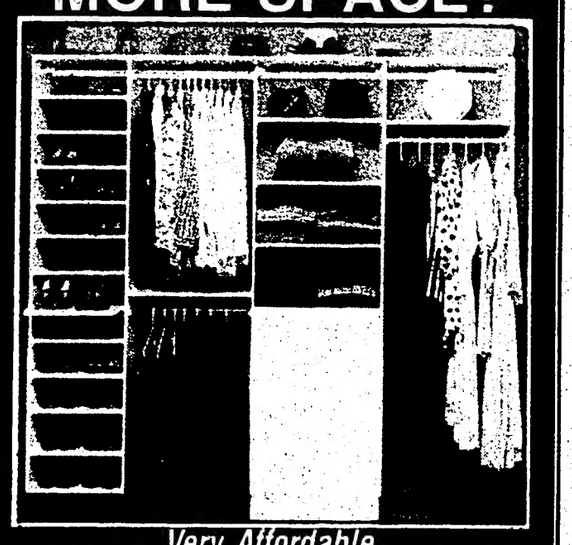
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Arts

Israeli comedy grapples with two serious issues

Film

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Jacob Goldwasser's *Over the Ocean* is an Israeli comedy which grapples with two serious, overlapping issues at the heart of the Zionist enterprise — the adaptation of new immigrants to Israel and the mystical bond that holds them there.

Presented at the 1992 Festival of Festivals in Toronto, *Over the Ocean* deals with these challenging themes in a film bubbling over with mirth and vitality.

Propelled by Haim Merin's lively script, *Over the Ocean* focuses on the Goldfarb family of Tel Aviv, circa 1962.

Menachem (Arie Muskuna) and his wife, Rosa (Daphna Rechter), are Polish Holocaust survivors trying to live down the past and carve out a niche for themselves and their 10-year-old son, Haim (Uri Alter).

But it isn't easy, given the enormity of their experiences in German concentration camps, the searing memory of Polish anti-Semitism and Menachem's struggle to eke out a living from his modest religious artifacts shop.

The sudden arrival of Morris Greenspan (Moti Giladi), Menachem's friend from the camps and Rosa's old flame, upsets the serenity of the Goldfarb household. Glib and greasy, Greenspan is an Israeli emigre who now lives in Toronto. The ultimate schwitzer, he flaunts his alleged wealth, and convinces Menachem that he can realize his ambition of being a real estate developer only in Canada.

But Menachem's plan meets resistance from Rosa and Haim, both of whom have no desire to emigrate. Rosa feels that a Jew can live in dignity only in Israel, while Haim dreams of visiting a forbidden Roman ruin in Jordan and of being a paratrooper like his late, beloved uncle, Arale.

Along with all that, Rosa's idealistic brother, Leizer (Sinai Peter), an earnest moshavnik, urges her not to leave Israel.

And what's more, the Goldfarbs' pretty daughter, Miri (Milly Avital), who's already gone to Toronto, pines to return.

It's clear where Goldwasser's sympathies lie. Canada is portrayed as a bountiful, though cold and inhospitable country, while Israel is seen as a haven for all Jews, regardless of the material difficulties.

It's revealing, too, that Greenspan, the film's prototype of a yored, comes off as a scheming, untrusthworthy operator.

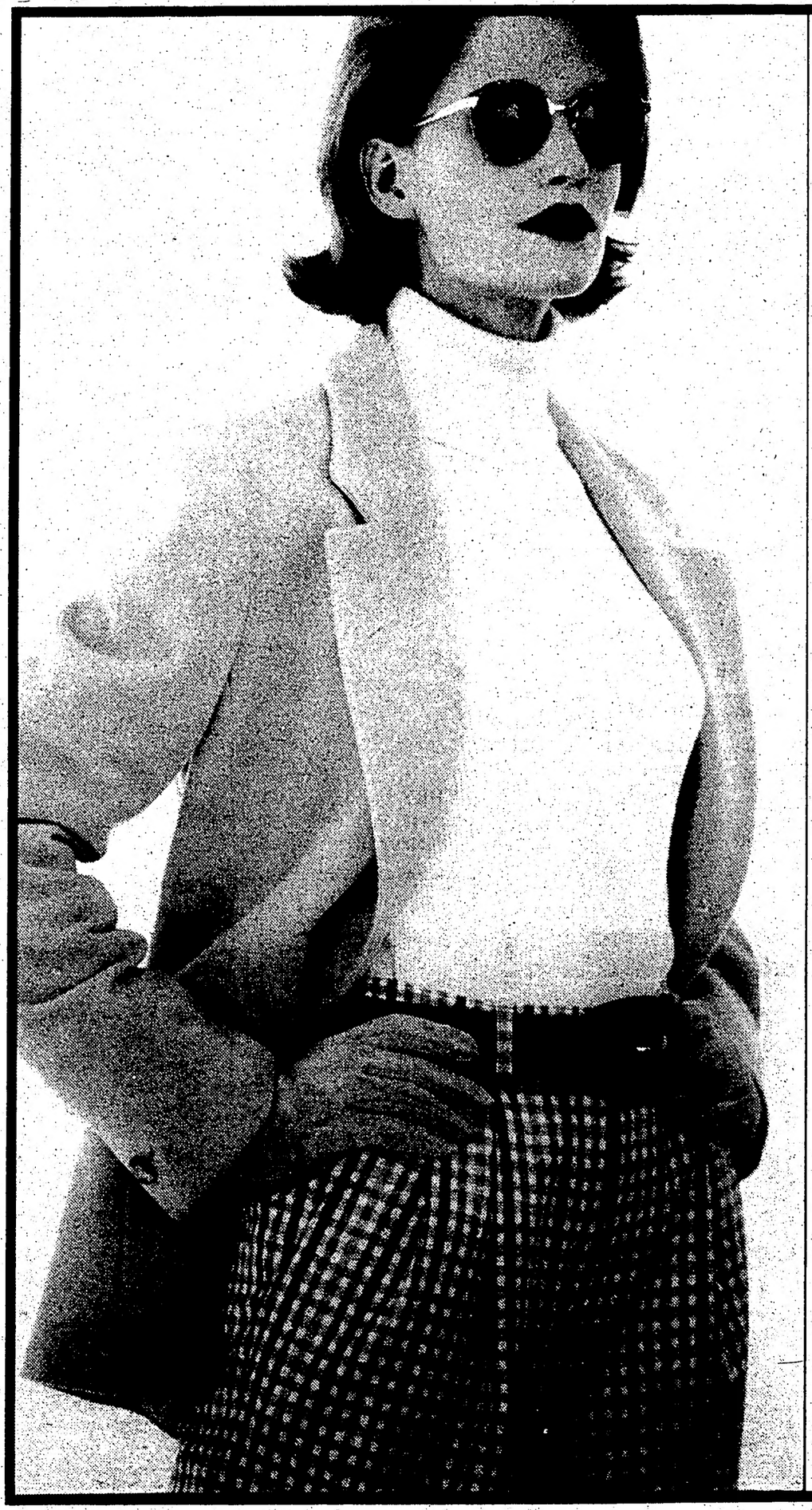
Despite its underlying seriousness, *Over the Ocean* displays a light touch.

Much is made of Rosa's hard-as-rocks meatloaf, which Haim and Menachem jettison whenever possible; of Haim's buxom neighbor, whom he stares at longingly through binoculars; and of Greenspan's shameless philandering.

Uri Alter (left), Arie Muskuna and Moti Giladi in Over the Ocean, presented at the Festival of Festivals.

Produced in association with the Fund for the Promotion of Israeli Quality Films and the Israel Broadcast Authority, *Over the Ocean* exudes charm and empathy, and is notable for its fine performances.

Regrettably, the ending is trite, pat and unrealistic. Given his talents, Goldwasser could have done better. But even as it stands, *Over the Ocean* is a workmanlike film, as well as a worthy addition to Israeli cinema.



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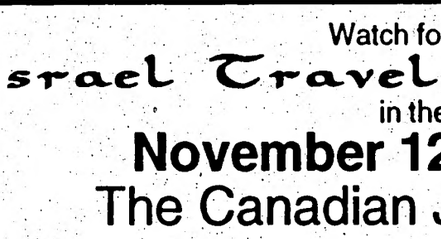

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NY museum a monument to immigrant experiences

By BILL GLADSTONE

NEW YORK —

About 60 years ago, a landlord closed off five upper floors of an old tenement at 97 Orchard St. on New York's Lower East Side, rather than comply with a 1929 city bylaw requiring costly improvements to the plumbing and ventilation.

For more than half a century, various businesses operated legally on the ground level of the building while numerous small apartment suites upstairs languished in darkness, collecting dust.

A rare and perhaps unique example of a "pre-Old Law" tenement, the building was rediscovered several years ago by two New York City historians, Ruth Abram and Anita Jacobson.

"We had been looking for months for a place to have a tenement museum," says Abram, "but we had given up because the 1929 law meant that landlords all over the city had torn down, renovated or gutted their buildings."

Until they found 97 Orchard St., Abrams had been all but convinced that such once-common tenements, which she calls "urban log cabins," had disappeared entirely from the metropolitan landscape.

Chartered in 1988, the Lower East Side Tenement Museum offers local walking tours, exhibits, dramas and slide shows as it seeks out funds for an ambitious restoration of its upper floors. That search is being spearheaded by Abram, the museum's founding director.

Flashlight in hand, she shines a light up the dark and creaky staircase. Upstairs, the light reveals a labyrinthine arrangement of musty small rooms with multiple layers of peeling wallpaper, mantleshelves coated in dust, and no shortage of cobwebs.

Unquestionably, the atmosphere is spooky, surreal and somewhat claustrophobic. Abandoned in a corner of one room is a small tin truck, a child's wind-up toy from the Victorian era. On a doorjamb of another room, a former resident, apparently a tailor, has penciled a sartorial enumeration of shirts, vests, jackets, trousers, blouses, dresses and skirts. Evidently, some of the apartments were utilized as sweatshops.

In suite after grimy suite of dilapidated rooms, the flashlight pierces the gloom of more than half a century, revealing subtle, almost antebellum, flourishes in the decor. The building was erected in 1865, the year Abraham Lincoln was assassinated.

"This is a pre-Old Law tenement and it's certainly rare. It was built before the Old Law of 1929 and before there were any laws on the books regarding building construction. It hasn't been touched since the 1901 law requiring toilets, indoor water, airshafts and ventilating windows."

All the rooms but one are due to be restored, says Abram. "I want to leave one room alone to show visitors what the rooms were like when we found them."

In September, the American National Register of Historic Sites officially identified the building as an historic structure. Abram, who regards immigrants who settled in tenements as pioneers of the urban frontier, says 97 Orchard St. is the only tenement to be preserved in the United States.

On the ground floor, a carefully detailed model of the building shows slice-of-life pastiches of numerous immigrant families at various moments of history.

In one window on the second floor, for example, Abraham and Fannie Rogarshevky and their four children pepare for the first seder of Passover in 1915. On the fourth floor at the rear, meanwhile, visitors may peek in at Norman and Pauline Gottberg, with their children and parents, on a morning in 1870.

Using census records and other sources, New York-area researcher Marsha Saron Denis has compiled a list of former residents of the building. According to Abram, some visitors are astonished to discover their own ancestors on the list.

Although Jews comprised the largest group of residents, many non-Jewish families of Irish, Romanian, German, African and other ethnic backgrounds lived in the tenement, according to Abram.

"We see it on the context of the wider American immigrant saga," she says. "Millions of Americans of very diverse backgrounds have shared this experience. You don't have to look far to find common background."

A former social worker, Abram says she hopes the museum "will promote tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of the variety of immigrant experiences on the Lower East Side, the gateway to America."

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Bermuda's come a long way

By SHEILA DROPKIN

Bermuda's certainly come a long way!

When my husband and I first visited the island 35 years ago, on our honeymoon, we had no choice but to stay at the Castle Harbour Hotel, since it was the only major hotel that then accepted Jews. Mind you, it was no hardship since the Castle Harbour was then, and still remains, quite beautiful.

Now every hotel is a United Nations, with everyone accepted everywhere. Why, you can even get kosher food at most of the larger hotels with only one day's notice and most of them would gladly cater to an all-kosher convention.

When I returned this summer, I was delighted to learn that all the good things about Bermuda are still there — the lovely, pastel-colored homes, the beautiful gardens, the surrounding water that's the bluest and greenest I've seen anywhere.

The roads are still very narrow and winding, with auto traffic strictly limited. There are no rental cars in Bermuda and each household is limited to one auto — additional vehicles are permitted only for business reasons. Many young men and women who still live at home with their families rent rooms elsewhere in order to get a car permit.

Tourists take taxis (very costly), local buses or rent mopeds and motorscooters. The latter are the cause of numerous accidents and the locals joke about "Bermuda burn," the scrapes and scratches incurred by tourists falling from these vehicles.

The island is very hilly and summers, the high season, are quite hot. So anyone who likes to go for long walks is advised to do so in the early morning or evening, after the sun sets.

Tennis, golf and water sports are the main activities, with eating out closely behind. There are many restaurants and most of the larger hotels have at least two or three dining spots. Food, however, like everything else in Bermuda, is quite costly.

The cost of living is high for residents, as well. The minimum wage is $14 per hour, but there's no unemployment insurance. There's very little unemployment and hotels have to enagage foreign workers to take up the slack when there's an insufficient number of local people to handle the jobs.

However, the employer must prove that there are proper residences for the imported workers and each of these employers must also have a return ticket home to assure that he or she will not become a burden on Bermuda once the job is over.

The current recession has hit Bermuda, too, and a number of the hotels plan to close for December and January, ostensibly for renovations but, in truth, to save money. Most of them had a very poor spring season but were quite filled in July, with good bookings for August. They are trying to encourage family groups with special programs for children and teenagers, often without charge.

The local currency is equal to that of the United States, so it's advisable to take only American funds when you travel there.

The island is divided into "Tribes" or "Parishes," each of them named for one of the eight gentlemen or "Adventurers" who invested in the original Bermuda Company in the 1600s.

Most of the island's small Jewish community live in or near Hamilton, the capital of Bermuda since 1815. There is no synagogue, but services are held in private homes. For the High Holidays, services are held at the United States Naval Base, not far from Hamilton.

Bermuda is 600 miles from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Its high season is from late spring to mid-fall. The rest of the year, it's too cool for swimming and sunning, but could be attractive to the active golfer or tennis player. It's only 22 miles long and less than two miles maximum in width.

Bermuda's appeal is that it's very pretty and fairly safe, with a low crime rate. English, of course, is the lingua franca and, for the most part, people are very friendly and helpful.

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Art Deco buildings enchant visitors

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Working-class Jews flocked to this city for the sun

MIAMI BEACH — Whimsical, streamlined, candy-colored buildings redolent of the 1920s and 1930s enchant travellers poking around the Art Deco district of old Miami Beach.

Architectural buffs never cease to be amazed by the playful pastel shades, the decorative columns, the arched windows, the rough stucco walls, the rounded corners, the clay barrel tile roofs and the tropical reliefs.

Running from 6th Street to 21st Street, and encompassing anywhere from 650 to 800 buildings, the Art Deco district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Miami Design Preservation League tends to this charming neighborhood of quaint hotels, cool bars, inviting restaurants and long stretches of sandy, palm-fringed beach.

Thankfully, it sustained only minor damage during Hurricane Andrew.

At the turn of the century, this corner of Miami Beach was little more than an uninhabitable mangrove swamp crawling with alligators and buzzing with mosquitos.

Farmers carved out coconut and mango plantations, but they gave way to the cacophony of a developing city catering to the whims of the tourist trade.

Many buildings of the day were inspired by styles reminiscent of Spain, France, Italy, Morocco and Germany: Art Deco, Mediterranean Revival, Art Moderne, Cubism, Expressionism and Bauhaus.

Angular, voluptuous and cosmopolitan, with secluded courtyards, they bore testimony to the optimistic, freewheeling spirit of their imaginative designers.

Till the late 1930s and early 1940s, a Waspish crowd tended to keep almost everyone else out of Miami Beach. But after World War II, working-class Jews from the cold northern states flocked to this metropolis for a dose of warm sunshine.

By the mid-1970s, the southern quarter of Miami Beach had deteriorated badly enough for a group of concerned citizens to band together to form the Miami Design Preservation League.

Zoning laws, as well as design guidelines, were pushed through. Buildings were saved from destruction and refurbished.

The Art Deco district, the largest of its kind in the United States, was born.

Guided 90-minute walking tours of the neighborhood, at $6 a head, start from the Art Deco Welcome Center at 1244 Ocean Drive. Reservations are not necessary. Just show up.

Tours are conducted by local historians and architects.

We began at the Almanac Apartments, a pale yellow and white structure of understated beauty. We then were shown the Warsaw Ballroom, known for its jaunty white and black nautical facade. At the intersection of Espanola Way and Washington Ave., we peeked into the picturesque artists' colony, which was used as an exotic backdrop in the *Miami Vice* TV show, and is now much favored by fashion photographers and their lanky models.

We passed the Cameo movie theatre, which, though down at the heels, was resplendent in a wash of turquoise and lemon.

City Hall, a splash of white and yellow, positively shone in the bright sun. The blue and pink Kenmore Hotel was Bauhaus to the core.

The terraced Fairmont Hotel/Cafe summoned up the Roaring Twenties. The lobby of the stark white Essex House Hotel was a study in slowly-turning overhead fans and etched glass with flamingo motifs — the apotheosis of Art Deco.

No less impressive was The Tides, a once-magnificent hotel under reconstruction.

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Business Outlook

Israeli firm geared to children

JERUSALEM —

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Thorough research and development activities, dedicated merchandising efforts and innovative sales techniques are some of the tactics employed by managers at Guri Industry and Export Ltd., where the baby products market isn't kids' stuff.

Infants' products represent a growing element in the Rishon-Le-Zion-based firm's corporate expansion efforts.

The company's success in the baby products market is based on Guri's strategy or producing items that are not only useful but also are attractively packaged as gifts. The "Goori's" line contains three new products, for example, which Guri believes will be of benefit to babies and parents alike:

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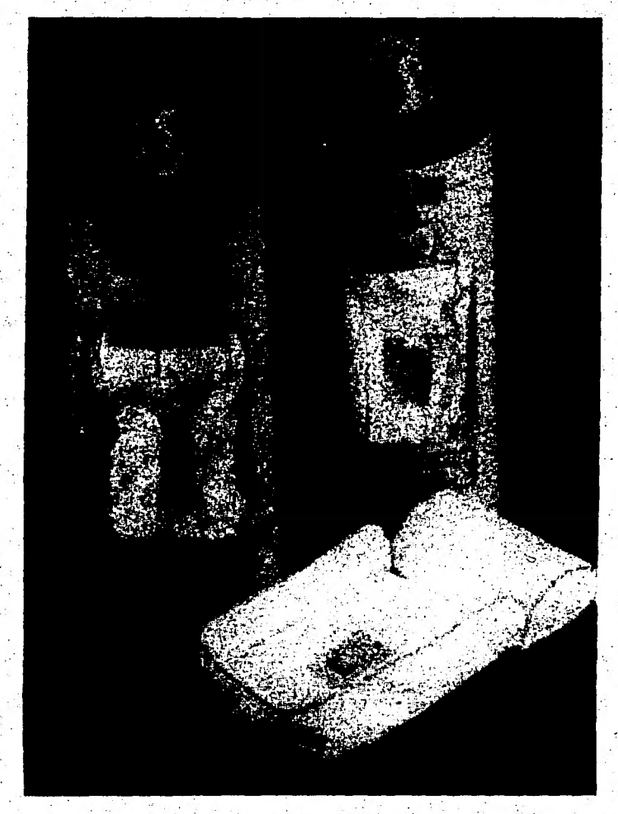

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By JOSEPH SERGE

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It sells battle uniforms, camouflage clothing, army boots, trunks, face paint, camping gear, tents, etc.

"We've sold army clothing to people who wanted to ship it to army guys and relatives fighting in [the civil war in] Yugoslavia," says Jules Rotin, owner of the store. "We've sold them flak vests and tons of clothing," he adds.

Despite its name, you won't find any of the traditional sporting goods you'd find at Collegiate or Footlocker. "We should be called Savemore *Surplus* Store," Rotin says. He won't change the name now though, because "people know me and they know what we have."

Rotin says new and used army clothes are the most popular items he sells. Tents, camping gear and trunks (army foot lockers) are also popular.

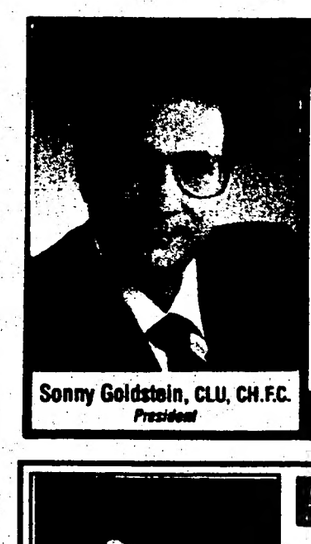
His clients include cadets, wargames and even regular army personnel wanting to increase their wardrobe. Occasionally, he even gets movie people. "People shooting movies come in to buy clothing for the actors as well as accessories to equip them with," he says.

During Desert Storm last year, many people came in to buy desert warfare equipment. "We sell everything except the guns," he says.

Rotin founded the store in August 1953. It was originally a men's wear store, but in due course he changed it to a camping and army surplus store. He buys his inventory from Canada, the United States and Europe, attending trade shows to shop for the latest goods.

Rotin says the secret to success is to treat the customers well. "Today it's not how much business you do, it's the service you offer. Treat the customers right and they'll go out of their way to shop at your store."

Rotin supplies free parking outside his store which is located just northwest of Queen and Jarvis Streets. He has a staff of seven, some of whom have been with him for up to 20 years.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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Shaarei Shomayim Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Farband Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
LEON SCHOP ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, October 4th, 10:30 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Avenue.
Beth Sholom Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
REVA FRIEDLANDER ז"ל
will take place
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Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Farband Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
ELIZABETH GANG ז"ל
will take place
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Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Temple Sinai Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
KAROLA GELBER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, October 11th, 11:45 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Chenstoshover Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
EDWARD WINER ז"ל
will take place
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Shomrai Shabos Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SAMUEL MILBERG ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, October 4th, at 1:00 p.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Pultisker Society Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
MAX FREIDBERG ז"ל
will take place
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Pride of Israel Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Theatre season launched

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Jewish Theatre is launching its sixth season with more Canadian premiers of recent New York productions, a new general manager, Marly Zaslov, and a new president, Laurie Mainster.

The former head of Foster Advertising (now Foster/Marks Advertising), Mainster is a well-known figure in Winnipeg's advertising community. He is equally well-known in the Jewish community where he has volunteered his communications skills in aid of many community organizations. Currently marketing and public relations chairman for the Jewish Community Campus project, he has in the past served as president of the Central Canadian Council of B'nai Brith, the I. L. Peretz Folk School (which was closed in 1980) and the Rosh Pina Synagogue. He has also served on the boards of the Jewish National Fund and the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

In the general community, he has been president of Rainbow Stage (Winnipeg's summer theatre in the park) and served on the boards of the Variety Club of Manitoba and the former Winnipeg Convention and Visitors Bureau. He is currently on the Health Sciences Centre Foundation executive committee.

Variety Club

Zasslov comes to the WJT after 11 years as the administrator of the Variety Club of Manitoba. Under her tenure, the Winnipeg branch of the international organization has grown into a major charitable force in the province and was recognized three times as one of the three best operations in the Variety Club network. She has also coordinated two CBC television specials, the celebration surrounding the naming of "Monty Hall Drive" two years ago and last year co-chaired the kick-off for National Access Awareness Week and the gala reception that followed.

"As we enter our fifth year of operation," says Mainster, "we want to assure ourselves that we have the best possible talent at the helm of our organization. With Marly's administrative ability, and the artistic know-how of Bev Aronovitch, our founding artistic director, we've gone a long way to securing the future of the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre."

Aronovitch formed the WJT with the goal of bringing top productions, either with Jewish themes or written by Jewish playwright, to Winnipeg. The shows have combined local talent with award-winning stars of stage such as Woody Romoff (1989's production of *Cantorial*), and screen (Nehemiah Persoff's one-man show based on the works of Sholem Aleichem last fall) and directors such as Joel Greenberg (the musicals, *The Golden Land* in 1990 and *The Rothschilds* last spring).

This year, the WJT is presenting the Canadian premieres of *Shmulnik's Waltz* by Allan Knee in October and *The Substance of Fire* by John Robin Baitz in May.

Variety of children's books out for High Holidays

By DR. MARCIA POSNER

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Children tend to think in concrete terms, which is why it may be difficult for them to understand the abstract themes embodied by the High Holidays. Fortunately, there are many fine books about the holidays that are geared to a child's developmental level and will help translate these themes using examples to which children can relate.

There are children's editions of High Holiday services, but most of all, there are stories that demonstrate Jewish values and holiday themes in everyday life.

Non-fiction about the High Holidays: *My Very Own Rosh Hashanah*, and *My Very Own Yom Kippur* (Kar-Ben Copies) by Judye S. Groner and Madeline Wikler, for ages 4-8. *Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: Sweet Beginnings* by Malka Drucker (Holiday), for ages 8-12. *Sound the Shofar* by Miriam Chaikin (Clarion), for ages 10-14. The above are all excellent books that include history, observance, law, lore, and activities for the High Holidays.

Services for the High Holidays: *Selichot: A Family Service*, *Rosh Hashanah: A Family Service*, and *Yom Kippur: A Family Service* are three books by Judith Z. Abrams, illustrated by Katherine J. Kahn. Published by Kar-Ben Copies, they may be used by adults with children from ages 3-7. While following the order of the service, the themes of the holidays are dramatized with story, song and suggested activities.

Stories for the High Holidays: *Days of Awe: Stories for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur* by Eric Kimmel, illustrated by Erika Weihs (Viking). Here, the concepts of charity, prayer and forgiveness are made real by three stories — one about a magic samovar, another about a shepherd's humble prayers and another about how a great rabbi must beg forgiveness after insulting a beggar.

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"Every bride dreams of the perfect wedding," says show manager Kathy O'Hara. "And with the help of more than 200 wedding professionals, planning that day doesn't have to turn into a nightmare."

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There will also be many features throughout the show to keep attendees entertained, as well as informed. Visitors can enjoy samples of Henkell Trocken and pick up a complimentary copy of *Planning Your Reception* at the Henkell Trocken exhibit; brides can also obtain new issues of Wedding Bells, Today's Bride and Sposa 2000 Magazines, as well as the Toronto Wedding Handbook.

At centre stage, Graham Howes of Piano Players Plus will perform at various times throughout the event, and Percy Waters Florist will present Only For You, a seminar honoring tradition in unique and special styles in floral design.

In addition, the highlight of the three-day event is the gala fashion show, sponsored by Birks and Today's Bride Magazine, presenting bridal fashions from more than 30 Toronto-area designers and retailers. The theme of this year's show is A Bride For All Seasons, and the finale of the show will present bridal gowns representing Spring, Summer, Winter and Fall, created exclusively for the Toronto Bridal Show.

Show specials

"The fashion show will showcase fashions for the entire wedding party at every price point," promises coordinator Pauline Brown. "Brides, bridesmaids, mothers, and men's attire will be shown, and of course, the finale will create a sensation when we present custom-designed creations representing each season."

Fashion show times are Friday 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

And, finally, to add to the excitement of the show, everyone who attends is eligible to win the grand prize draw worth more than $10,000. The prize package includes a romantic honeymoon to Vienna, courtesy of Sposa 2000 Magazine via KLM; an exquisite bridal gown from Duette; tuxedos by Tuxedo Royale; and flowers from Percy Waters Florist.

The Toronto Bridal Show runs Friday, Oct. 2 to Oct. 4 at the Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place. Show hours are Friday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is $8.

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"We are very much dedicated to service, to providing high quality products at affordable prices," says Beverley Lerner, daughter of Andrew's owner, Joyce Mason.

The International Shop carries a variety of suits, dresses and coordinated separates by European designers Jobis and Weinberg. For after five, from England, the shop has Frank Usher cocktail suits and beaded jackets in jewel-like tones to go with dressy chiffon skirts or fine crepe skirts and pants.

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"Business has been good, and its getting better," says Elmaleh, listing as some of his clients B'nai Brith Canada and Minyan Sepharad Congregation.

Tri-Elm also caters all kosher functions at Paradise Banquet and Convention Centre in Concord.

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Elmaleh says that in the past few months, he has been catering many private parties, particularly in condominium party rooms.

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Floral arrangements and decor on a wedding day are like the icing on a cake, says Ester Paris of Floral Elegance, a division of Ital Florist.

"From the bouquets, to the chupah, to the centrepieces, the flowers will add splendor, ambiance and emotion to this very special day."

Ester, who has worked with her father in the flower shop since she was 12, feels that her ability to pick up on people's characters and tastes help her to better deal with the public. This special insight comes in handy when working with future brides.

ter says, she will create an effective and coherent result.

Think of your appointment with the florist as a learning experience, she says, and at the end of the consultation you will know exactly what you need and do not need and what you should be budgeting. Any feelings of anxiety or confusion should disappear.

Come prepared for the consultation, Ester advises. Bring with you a rough estimate of guests being invited, a picture of your bridal gown, a swatch of fabric of the dresses of the bridal party, the time of the ceremony and reception and the locations.

Visual effect is unforgettable

Ester is a professional, who makes planning a wedding easy and enjoyable. She meets with the bride and, preferably, the groom, the mothers and the bridal consultants and will go, with her head designer, to the synagogue or hall to plan the perfect arrangements.

Depending on your taste, budget, color theme and size of wedding, Es-

As well, she says, have a list of guests you may wish to provide with corsages or boutonnieres, and any other information that may help the florist advise you correctly.

Do not underestimate the importance of the floral decor, Ester says.

"The visual effect, if designed properly, will have an unforgettable impact, enhancing yourself and your entire family."

Ritché boutique opens on Spadina

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For brides on a budget, Ritché carries many clearance and special promotion dresses priced up to 70 percent off retail values.

The three level Avenue Road store features an exciting collection of the latest evening wear and party dresses suitable for any occasion.

The bridal salon offers expert and personalized service in five private consultation rooms. It is suggested that an appointment be made so the bride will receive the one-on-one attention she deserves. Brides who

Exciting collection

The business' new decade has been hearlded with the opening of a new store at the corner of Spadina and Richmond Streets.

The new store, like the uptown Avenue Road location, features a large collection of Canadian and imported designer dresses, as well as many Ritché originals. Ritché boasts the largest selection of wedding gowns in Toronto.

Not only will brides be able to find that perfect gown but the entire wedding party can choose from a wide selection of bridesmaid, mothers

want to create their own dream gown can book an appointment with Mr. Ritché personally.

At the Fashion and Bridal Show that will run Oct. 9 to 11, at the Metro Convention Centre, Ritché will unveil a special project.

To commemorate Canada's 125th birthday, Ritché has recreated an incredible gown from that era. He has also redesigned one of his classic 1952 gowns to celebrate his 40th anniversary of Canadian design.

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Bein says that rainbow of colors they have means that the color bands and applications can be done to match the shade of the bridesmaids' dresses.

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In order to view the creations of Sculptchair, they can be found at 20 Wertheim Court, Unit 36 in Richmond Hill or call 731-9217.

Staff plays key role at Regal Constellation

From the menu to the florist to the linen, Regal Constellation's professional catering and banquet service staff is there to assist in the total planning of your wedding.

Kelly Gillespie, assistant director of catering says that from the moment customers make their first phone call to the catering office "things start moving and the wedding plans move ahead quickly and easily. Our staff is able to give advice on services such as florists, photographers and musicians. We try to make things as easy as possible for our clients."

She says that one of the most popular features of a Regal Constellation wedding is the choice of two spots in which to have the chupah. "We have two skylights under which a chupah can stand and these skylights give the illusion of an outdoor wedding. There is nothing more beautiful than getting married under the stars, even in the winter. It adds something very elegant to a wedding."

She adds that the hotel, which can accommodate parties from 200 to 2,000 people has a kosher kitchen and offers customized menu planning. "We realize that when people are planning parties of any size, they are going to have certain requests and we are quite receptive to them. We are always willing to prepare special meals such as vegetarian or low salt and if a customer has a certain dish in mind, we try to accommodate that, as well. A meeting with our caterer is all it takes to voice all your concerns.

"Favorite dishes on the menu include roast prime rib of beef forestiere, breast of chicken with fresh thyme and profiteroles with raspberry sauce. Another great feature is that the catering staff is on hand throughout the wedding to help things run a little more smoothly. For example, if a course is about to be served we make sure the waiters are co-ordinated with the band."

Luxury suites

Gillespie says that in addition to pleasing the guests by catering to their special dietary needs, they also offer very comfortable rooms and luxury bridal suites for those staying at the hotel. "We try to make their stay at the hotel as comfortable as possible from the time they check in, throughout the wedding and afterwards. We want the wedding to be something they will always remember with warm thoughts."

She adds that the hotel is easily accessible by highway and is close to the airport "so wherever a guest is coming from, they are close by."

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Over its 10 year history, Video For Hire has acquired a lot of state-of-the-art equipment not normally used for taping weddings since it also produces a wide variety of corporate videos, including seminars and TV commercials. "A wedding benefits from all the sophisticated equipment we have," Brian Korson, Video For Hire owner, videographer and editor said.

His equipment includes a wide-angle lens and wireless microphones. The wide-angle lens captures a much greater view than a normal lens. "With a normal camera, if someone is dancing creatively you have to step back a fair distance to get a complete shot of their body and you don't get that opportunity in a hall because of people and tables," Korson said. A wide-angle lens eliminates that problem.

Korson also uses the full range of digital studio effects which include page-turning, shattering glass, pourig water, three-dimensional globe and cubes, split and multiple-screens, and different fonts.

If a wedding moment cannot be captured, say a scene at the chupah where the videographer cannot move around, Video For Hire does mock-ups of those scenes either earlier or later on that day and edits them into the tape.

At the reception, Korson tapes an entire dance sequence and doesn't chop a song three or four times like some other videographers do.

Video For Hire Productions specializes in custom film editing. Korson consults with the couple to get a feel for who they are and what they like. "A client loves to have his affair different than their friend's affair. Not one video is the same as another."

Custom film editing

During the consultation, Korson finds out things he should be aware of, if the grandparents are alive, if there are any single parents and other situations that can otherwise cause embarrassment. Korson finds out the likes and dislikess of the couple and if they want candid or orchestrated filming.

Video For Hire is a member of the Better Business Bureau and offers money-back guarantees. Korson and his staff come equipped to every wedding with back-up cameras, lights and all the other equipment.

He suggests you book early since he has bookings through to 1944 already. Video For Hire Productions encourages clients to book off-season by offering a price discount.

Bronson's bridal registry provides quality, service

The old adage, the customer is always right, is strictly enforced today at Bronson's China & Gifts, says owner Ilene Bronsteter.

"This is a customer-oriented store," she says.

This is an important factor for any business but in one that deals with new brides, it is essential.

"I think we have one of the best bridal registries in the country," Bronsteter announces proudly.

She describes the atmosphere in the store as relaxed and friendly and not intimidating. The highly-qualified staff are ready to supply helpful service without pressure.

The registry service is one that can cater to all budgets. Bronsteter says the huge selection of quality items means that the store has something for everyone.

The well-stocked store carries both modern and contemporary designs as well as traditional pieces. Bronsteter says her staff members are trained to work with brides to put an entire table together.

It is this dedication to service that has helped to elevate Bronson's reputation. Bronsteter points out that many of her clients have heard about the store through word-of-mouth. After all, a happy customer is a vocal customer.

The 7,000-square-foot store contains a complete range of kitchen and decorative giftware. Bronsteter adds that her stock is constantly updated so brides are sure to receive the latest in home decorating items.

Some of the special services Bronson's provides include gift wrapping and same day delivery, corporate and office sales and telephone orders. The computerized inventory means quick service.

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Larger-size women find top fashions at Salon Femme

Larger-size women no longer have to look longingly at high fashion, believing it is not for them.

Salon Femme, in its beautiful new salmon and cream toned home at 514 Eglinton Ave. W., offers exclusive dresses from the finest European and New York couturiers. As well, says the store's owner, Karen Blume, fine couturiers from Toronto also create elegant, fashionable clothes exclusively for Salon Femme.

The store, which offers clothes from size 16 to 26, specializes in evening wear.

Blume says she can find something to please anyone shopping for wedding clothes.

"Some people are into black and white weddings, which are very big now. Others wouldn't dream of wearing either black or white to a wedding, so we have more traditional colors as well, the pastels like blues and pinks."

For formal affairs, Salon Femme has separates, like beaded and brocade evening jackets, long, pleated skirts, and dressy cocktail pants.

For the more informal, afternoon function, cocktail outfits are the thing, some short, some long, some tea-length.

Made-to-measure fit

In fact, says Blume, "People come to us first when they want something really spectacular. They know we have the best selection for mother of the bride or groom, wedding guests, luncheons, from more casual two-or-three piece suits to beaded, long, glitzy dresses."

If the store doesn't have just the right size or exactly the outfit that is perfect for the customer, Blume says, she will order it.

A special, and very welcome feature of Salon Femme is its own dressmaking department, which assures a made-to-measure fit for every outfit.

While everything at Salon Femme is created with the larger figure in mind, Blume notes there are some especially flattering features to consider.

Blume suggests a little looser fit, skimming the body rather than hugging it. Long jackets give a long, lean look, and flowing, easy wearing, lightweight fabrics are more comfortable.

The experienced sales staff ensure a loyal and satisfied customer base, Blume says. They know what their customers are looking for, and when something suitable comes in, they let them know.

Island offers a BERMUDA great honeymoon spot

There are good reasons why Bermuda hosts more than 20,000 honeymooners and second-honeymooners each year.

Bermuda offers a stunning environment for couples who prefer active and relaxing agendas. While some visitors prefer to fill their days with scuba diving and swimming, others enjoy leisure activities such as strolling along the beach at sunset or reading poetry to each other while snuggling in a secluded cove.

A quiet peaceful place, Bermuda allows couples to focus on each other and the beauty surrounding them.

Bermuda's accessibility — just two and a half hours from Canada's east coast — allows couples to add a special dimension to any romantic occasion. Whether it is an anniversary, a quick getaway or a week-long vacation, the options are endless.

Secluded beaches

Stroll along secluded beaches on Bermuda's South Shore or watch the sunrise while horseback riding on the beach, followed by a picnic.

Explore Bermuda's enchanted undersea world together to learn why Bermuda is known for some of the best snorkelling in the world. For those who prefer to stay afloat, charter a private yacht, sailboat or fishing boat to explore at your leisure. Waterskiing, parasailing and kayaking equipment are also available for rent.

Renting a bicycle or moped built-for-two or simply strolling hand-in-hand along the easily walked sections of the Railway Trail is another way to become familiar with the island.

Climb the 185 steps of Gibb's Hill Lighthouse for a new perspective of Bermuda. Gibb's Hill is one of the oldest iron lighthouses in the world. Springtime visitors may be lucky enough to see migrating whales beyond the South Shore reefs.

Tour sections of the island by horse and buggy, possibly the most romantic way to sightsee and shop. Whether it's up and down Hamilton's Front Street or a two-hour shopping tour of Somerset Village, travelling by horse and buggy is sure to make any day romantic.

Known for its variety of accommodations, from luxurious resorts to intimate cottage colonies, many of Bermuda's hotels have special honeymoon packages.

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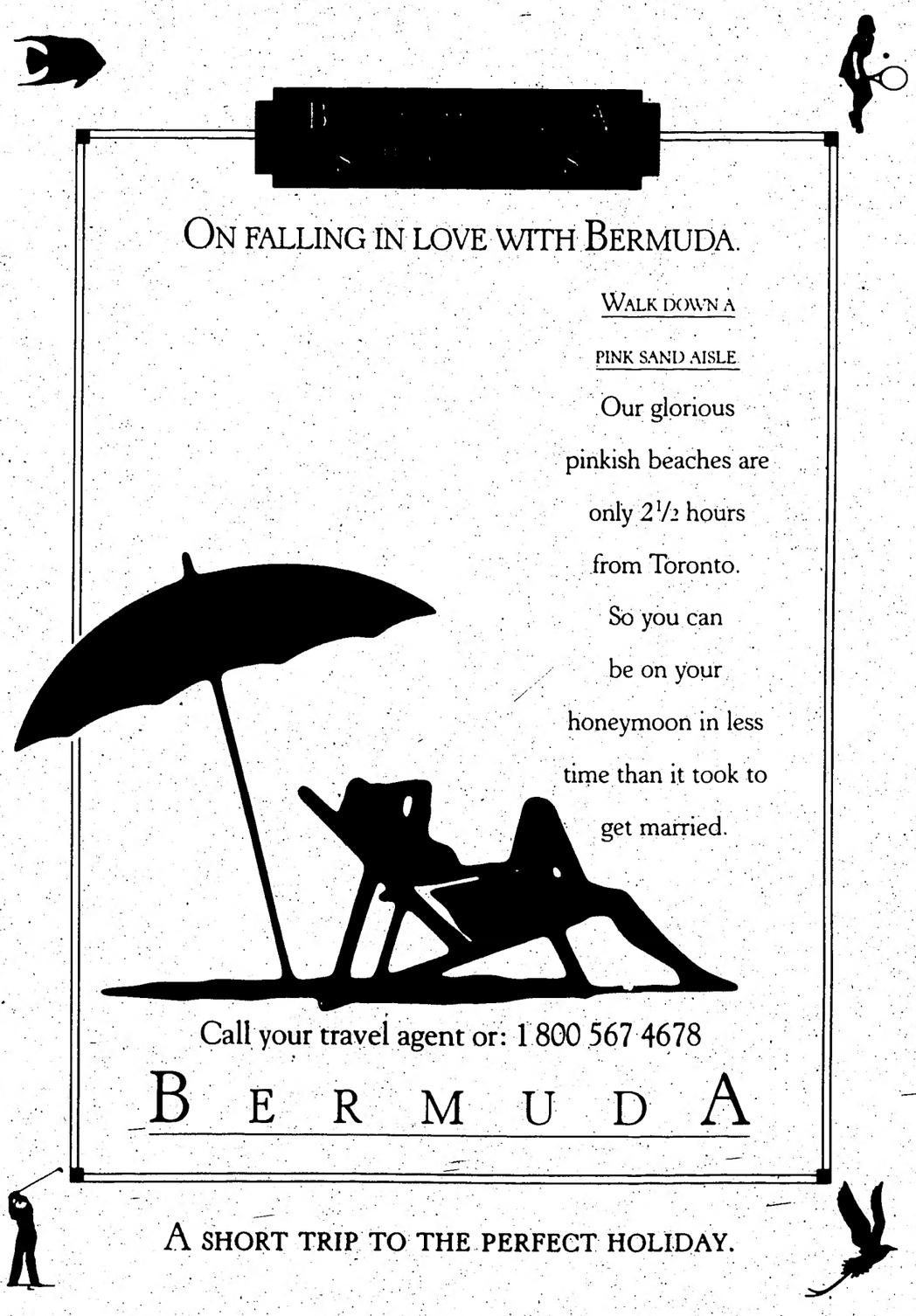
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The Old Mill is Toronto's best kept secret

A stone's throw from the Old Mill subway station, sitting majestically above the serene splendor of the Humber River Valley, is the Old Mill, a quiet magical place for newlyweds to share their special day with family and friends.

"There is no place like the Old Mill, it is so unique," said Helen Weech, catering manager. "The American visitors, especially, are in absolute awe when they come here." Weech has been at the Old Mill for 18 years.

'It's got beautiful gardens, so you can take photos without travelling to another park. It's in a very convenient location, half a block from Bloor Street, yet not highly visible. Part of its character is its setting," Weech said. "It's Toronto's best kept secret."

The beautiful gardens lie just beneath the skeletal remains of the stone wall, destroyed by a fire in 1881 and declared a historical landmark. In 1914 a tea room was built and since then the place has grown into a 17-banquet room facility, incorporating the Tudor style of the original tea room.

The beauty of the Old Mill is renowned and film crews find it a perfect setting. Just recently an episode of Fox's new TV show, *Class of 96,* was filmed there.

The Kalmars, who acquired the Old Mill in June 1991, are now introducing the Old Mill to Toronto's Jewish community.

"The Old Mill is not new to the Jewish market," Kalmar said, explaining that in the '30s its dancehall was frequented by many Jews. "It's just been forgotten about over the past 60 years."

Kalmar said that last July the Old Mill hosted a very successful Jewish wedding. "The rave reviews we got prompted me to promote ourselves in the wedding/bar mitzvah market. Weddings have always been a part of what we did, so we've decided now to enter the Jewish market."

The largest banquet rooms at the Old Mill hold 800 people.

"Other banquet halls require the added cost of decorations to dress them up. Our rooms are so beautifully decorated it costs very little to decorate them," Weech said. "You don't have to go through the added cost." Many of the rooms have one to three wood fireplaces.

"People feel very comfortable here," Kalmar said. "Guests say they'd like to have their living rooms like this."

Kalmar, 34, was raised in the hotel business. His father, George Kalmar, owned the Constellation Hotel, one of the first hotels on the airport strip. His son moved up the ranks from kitchen work to front desk and purchasing.

"When we bought the Old Mill, I bought not only the building, but what it stands for," he said. "It is a jewel because of its charm and atmosphere. As Helen (Weech) said, 'It's one of Toronto's best kept secrets'."

The Old Mill also has a non-denominational chapel capable of holding 110 people for small, intimate functions. It is romantically lit with candles and built in 16th-century English style. The Old Mill has the services of three rabbis, if needed, to perform services.

In her 18 years at the Old Mill, Weech figures she's handled close to 5,000 weddings personally. Weech meets with her clients before the wedding to show them the facilities and suggest which room is suitable for their needs. "We try to customize and personalize each reception to the customers' requirements," Weech said.

"Guests must enjoy our services and our facilities," she said. "If we don't do a good job, they wouldn't come back."

Kalmar said many of the comment cards he gets have the same remark: "Keep it up, don't change it."

He said people will enjoy their evening here because of "the beauty, meticulous service and good, delicious food. We have the charm and service to cater magnificently to any simcha."

The Old Mill's elegance and style has been recognized over the decades. Recently a woman in her 80s told Kalmar that when she was a teenager, "If you were taken to the Old Mill, you knew it was a special date."

The Old Mill is more than a banquet hall. It has dinner dancing to an 11-piece orchestra six days a week; Sunday brunches and dinner buffets; and afternoon High Tea with scones, sandwiches and jams.

The staff at the Old Mill are seasoned and well-trained. "The staff here care for each other," Weech said. "Many of them have been here for several years. That's a very comfortable feeling."

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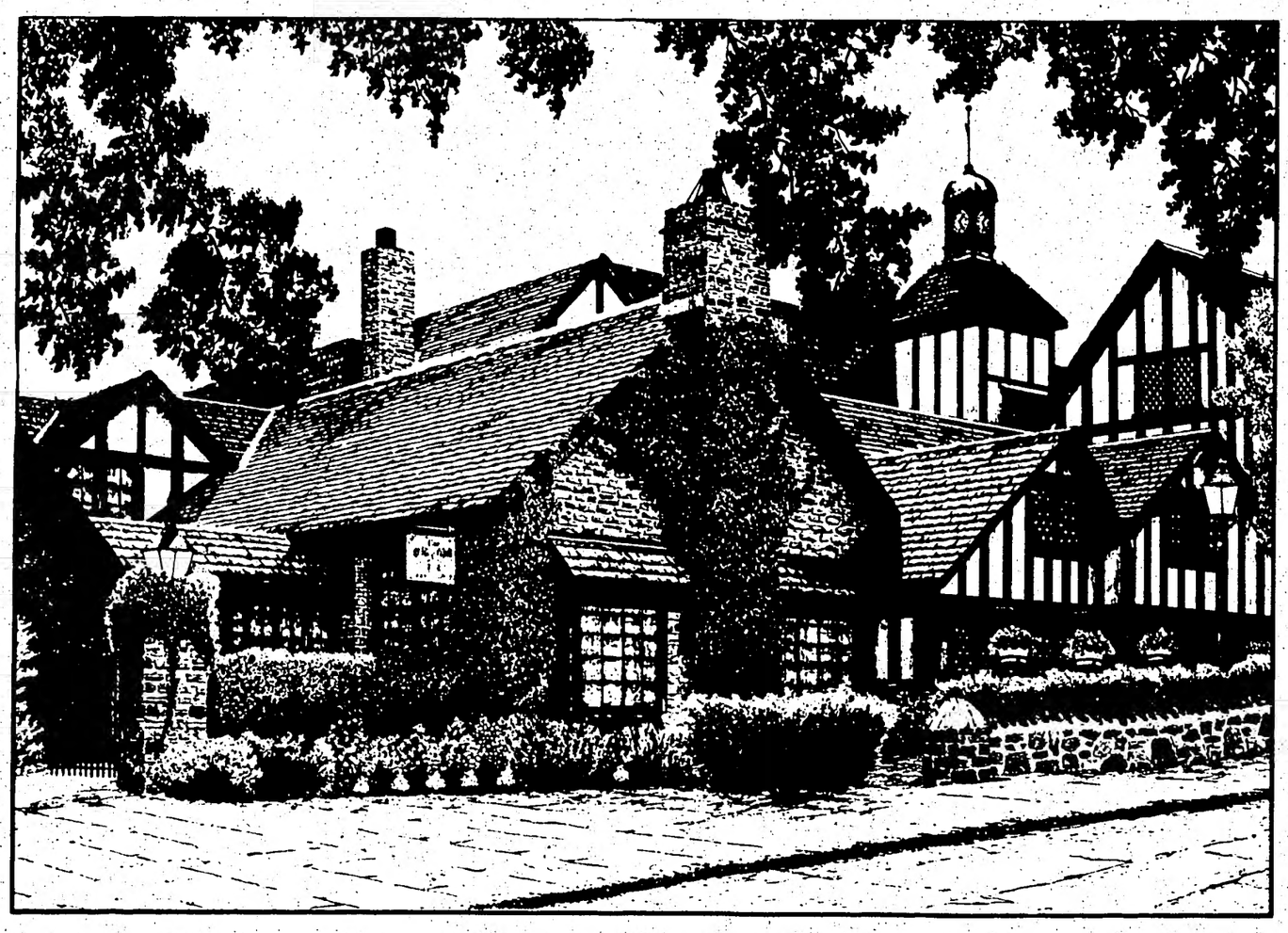

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A century and a half later children and adults enjoy his legacy, a schoolhouse which is one of the oldest, continuously operated buildings in Toronto.

In 1970-71 the schoolhouse (slated for the wrecker's ball in the 1960s), regained new life with a restoration of what the Toronto Historical Board and Architectural Conservancy of Ontario declared to be "one of the few remaining monuments of historic and architectural merit in Toronto." For two decades the schoolhouse has enjoyed renewed vigor including highly acclaimed education and community programs for children and adults.

The building, consisting of a school room/museum, west hall and salon, hosts a wide range of uses as varied as weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, fashion/art shows, meeting/seminar space, filming location, and a variety of social events.

The schoolhouse exclusive caterer is The Amazing Food Service, recently contracted to head up all food service in the new CBC's multi-million dollar facility in Toronto. Andrew Zimbel, chef-owner, offers a wide range of food selection and price, together with extensive knowledge of the preparation of speciality and ethnic foods. Experienced and friendly staff provide top quality service.

Adele Wechsler creates custom-made gowns

For the bride who wants a non-traditional look for her wedding day, Adele Wechsler has been creating custom made contemporary wedding gowns for the past nine years.

"Probably 85 percent of our clients want ivory," states Wechsler. "It's a look that suits the more sophisticated and second time bride. Our designs easily translate into an evening cocktail dress that can be worn on other occasions."

Trends dictate that career women are getting married much later in life and don't want the more traditional gown with long trains and puffy sleeves. They are looking for a dress that is understated, feminine and romantic, yet still portrays the individuality of the bride. Adele Wechsler's designs are very simple with special attention always given to the delicate details and beautiful fabrication.

"Brides of the 90's," adds Wechsler, "request a more shaped cut. They want a fitted bodice with a dropped yolk line flowing into a soft and full skirt. Chiffon skirts with a short look in the front and dropping long in the back are also in demand."

Adele Wechsler carries a small collection of bridal attire for brides to see and try on, but her forte lies in the custom gowns she personally creates.

"I assess each bride's needs and come up with a design that will suit her," says Wechsler. "I offer guidance in the selection of fabrics and tones of colors, so that her final choice will be the right choice."

Let's not forget our mothers of the bride and groom. Adele Wechsler does not design a typical gown. Her styles are very unique.

Wechsler started out by creating ensembles of knits and fabrics. She combines knits with laces, brocades, chiffons and hand painted velvets. She has since expanded this concept into woven outfits which feature combinations of fabrics and textures. The results are spectacular.

Intricate delicate details

Wechsler stresses that "affordability is very important. We work hard to stay within each individual's limitations. We suggest fabrics and certain styles that will meet all their needs. With these price points, our clients deserve the best in service and quality."

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Kathryn's lingerie boutique supplies European fashions

In the heart of the Avenue Road neighborhood is an exclusive, extremely-well stocked lingerie boutique named Kathryn's.

Owner, Susan Klein proudly reflects on its history which resembles a rags-to-riches story.

In the beginning, the stock was rather modest, yet the lines carried were only those of the top designers.

Klein's aim was to have each customer walk out of the store with a "good buy" and this meant not only good value but also good service.

Klein always insisted on thoroughly fitting the customer to the point where if the garment was ill-fitting it simply wouldn't be sold to her.

This is the cornerstone of Kathryn's success.

Today, women from all over the city and the surrounding area come to Kathryn's where they are assured a perfect fit — prior to the sale.

The level of Klein's customer appreciation is shown by their frequent visits to the store over the years. Their dedication has elevated Kathryn's to the point where the boutique is now recognized to be among one of the top five lingerie stores in Toronto.

Here, one can find every make, shape or color of foundation garment and what's more — bridal garments are also available.

One of Kathryn's leading manufacturer/supplier is Romantic Nights. This line specializes in European styling. Their product is beautifully designed, marvelously built and of high-quality. They pride themselves in always featuring the latest in European fashions.

Bridal garments

Should you yearn for some exquisite, charming, desirable garment or should you have a hard-to-fit body ... should your individual garment need to be specially ordered, perhaps wanting to give a gift or maybe get something for yourself ... come to Kathryn's with a capital K for Kathryn's and a capital C for Class.

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Elegant lingerie never goes out of fashion but keeps getting lovelier at Kathryn's Lingerie.

The boutique is located at 1763 Avenue Rd. (between Melrose and St. Germaine) and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday.

Selection

Carson Palmer offers wedding dress rentals

With the economic times being what they are, it is only natural that a bride will try to stretch her dollar as far as she can.

"Renting wedding dresses makes perfect sense in our economy," says Clarice Carson, co-owner of Carson Palmer, a boutique specializing in renting/purchasing of unique designer formal wear for women.

It carries a beautiful selection of traditional gowns in sizes 6 - 26 that rent from $400 to $650 and retail up to $3,000, should you wish to purchase. The purchase price also includes the veil, a petticoat and earrings.

An intricately beaded and re-embroidered lace wedding gown with a fitted satin drop-waist bodice and satin rosettes with off the shoulder puffed sleeves is just one of the many romantic and fantastic styles available at Carson Palmer. The full skirt and train of embroidered tulle appliqued over white satin completes the dress and rents for $500.

Carson Palmer also carries an extensive collection of suits and dresses appropriate for alternative bridal wear. These include Victorian "lawn and lace" ankle length dresses. Rentals start at $200.

Carson Palmer continues to provide special order service for bridesmaids (no two dresses in the store are alike but colors can be the same), as well as an exceptional selection of short or long gowns for the mother of the bride and bridal party in sizes 4 - 22. Some children's and pre-teen dresses are also available to rent or purchase.

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"We supply a quality of clothing that goes beyond what is normally used in formal wear," said Sam Freeman, vice-president of Freeman Formalwear. "We use high quality merchandise that is expensive to buy."

Freeman uses wool and mohair fabrics, natural fibres and features genuine leather shoes made by Dack's. Freeman's top hats are the real thing, imported from England.

When it comes to alteration, Freeman does more than just lengthen or shorten sleeves. If a body builder-type walks in, Freeman's doesn't just squeeze him into a jacket. "We would taper a jacket and make him feel comfortable," Freeman said.

Sizes at Freeman's range from those fitting a 2-year-old to a size 60. Freeman's carries all those odd sizes like 41 and 43 that aren't carried by all stores. "We fit just about anybody who comes through the door," Freeman said.

Going to Freeman Formalwear is like getting a custom fit. If your waist size is different than your coat size, Freeman Formalwear will match a jacket and trousers that fit you best.

Menswear, like any other fashion, changes from year to year. "The silhouette of a man's suit in 1992 is different than 1990 or '91. There's more shoulder, it is softer, drapier and made from better material and the jacket tends to fit a little bit longer."

Popular dark green

Double breasted suits are popular and tails are making a comeback, especially with the groom. Vests are fancier and colorful and trousers are fuller fitting, pleated and more comfortable.

Black, of course, is still the color of choice and if anything, Freeman said, "it is stronger than it's ever been."

Also popular is a very dark green, British Racing Green. "This color gives weddings an interesting, yet tasty alternative to black."

When ordering a suit for a wedding, there's no such thing as too early. Freeman said on average a groom should visit the store three to four months before his wedding.

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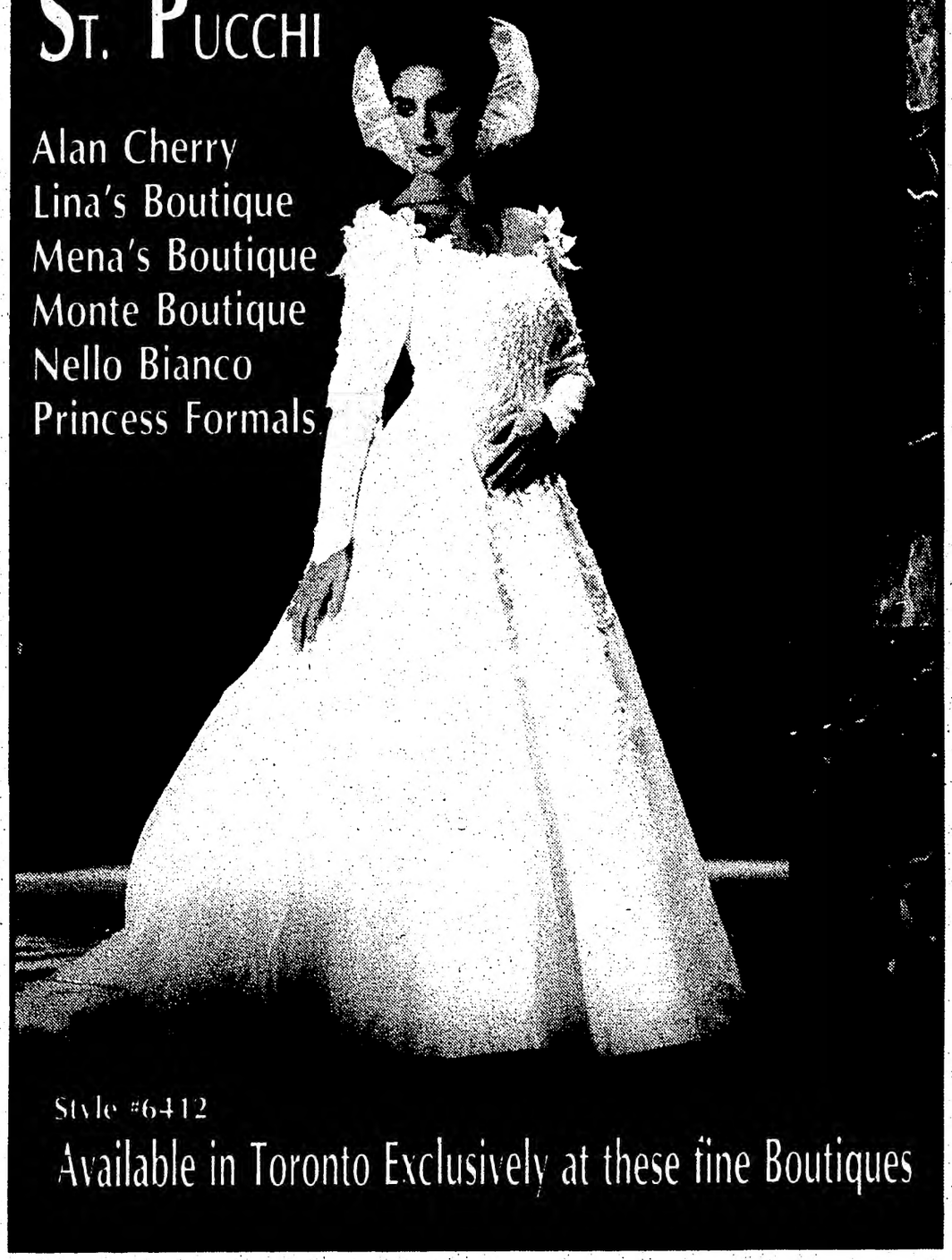

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Aisles of experts welcome happy couples

Before couples take the official walk down the aisle, they should walk the aisles of the Toronto Bridal Show, Oct. 2 to 4, at the Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place.

"The Toronto Bridal Show has aisles and aisles of experts ready to make wedding planning easy and fun," says show manager Kathy O'Hara. "Brides-to-be should come prepared with their date books, planners and comfortable shoes, because we have more than 200 exhibitors ready to answer questions and offers advice.

"Our exhibitors know couples want a wedding that's unique, memorable and within their budget, and they have lots of ideas to share with visitors to the show."

The Toronto Bridal Show gives couples the opportunity to consult with experts on every detail leading up to their special day, from wording the invitations to planning the honeymoon.

"Brides can talk to actual designers about what style of gown would suit them, or they can get a wedding day makeover from make-up and hair stylists," says O'Hara. "While grooms can discuss the latest styles in tuxedos with men's formalwear experts, as well as talk to disc jockeys about appropriate music."

"We encourage show-goers to talk to our exhibitors about their plans," stresses O'Hara. "Take advantage of the wealth of knowledge and years of experience these wedding professionals have to offer."

O'Hara adds that many exhibitors are available for all types of functions and special occasions. "The Toronto Bridal Show would be a perfect place to plan a bar/bat mitzvah, for example. All of the services required, from invitations, and photographers to decorations and kosher caterers are on display."

For brides and grooms who want to go down the aisle in style, A Bride For All Seasons fashion show, sponsored by Birks and Today's Bride Magazine is a must-see, offering the latest styles in bridal fashions from more than 30 Toronto-area bridal designers and retailers.

The Toronto Bridal Show runs Oct. 2 to 4, at the Queen Elizabeth Building, Exhibition Place. Show hours are Friday 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is $8.

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Outlet operation supplies bridal fashions

Last year a new bridal fashion concept entered the realm of the factory outlet field in Toronto.

Party Time Fashions introduced Toronto's Bridal Factory Outlet on Jan. 9.

Party Time Fashions Ltd., which is a bridal manufacturer and importer for over 30 years, decided to develop this bridal concept as the need was evident for a retail outlet in Toronto to cater to the price-conscious bride.

The company has achieved greater public awareness of its quality product, excellent styling, affordable prices and prompt and reliable service.

The Bridal Factory Outlet will offer the latest in 1993 spring styles for the bride, bridesmaids and the mother of the bride and groom.

At its one location, Party Time Fashions and Romantic Bridals, complete lines will be offered to the general public.

The bride will be able to choose from a large bridal fashion selection; the gowns range from those with exquisite silver beading and long cathedral trains to those that are less formal yet distinctively appealing. The majority of the bridal gowns are priced between $459 and $999, PST and GST included.

The bridesmaids will be able to select their gowns from many styles in various fabrics and colors. The majority of the bridesmaid gowns are priced between $150 and $250, PST and GST included.

The Bridal Factory Outlet also prides itself in being able to suit the larger size bride. The company offers most of its styles up to size 20 and some of its styles from sizes 18 to 30.

Quality product

Most gowns will be specifically made for the bride and her bridal party. Alterations will be done on the premises by an experienced staff of seamstresses. Brides and their bridal party are sure to find fantastic value for their money at Toronto's Bridal Factory Outlet.

This outlet is having a sample sale that will run from Oct. 24 to Nov. 7 during its regular hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Please call the Bridal Factory Outlet at 787-1715 for an appointment.

Lina's bridal boutique has exquisite imports

One of life's pleasures is the sound of wedding bells and the sight of beautiful brides in the finest of satins and lace.

Lina Pollari has parlayed her dressmaking talent and flair into one of Toronto's most successful bridal boutiques, Lina's.

Lina had studied dressmaking in her native Italy. A deceptively gentle lady with boundless energy, she persuaded her husband to open a bridal wear store to satisfy her creative needs.

In the early years, most of the gowns were designed and created by Lina herself. "We still do custom designs at the customer's request," says Lina. Every gown is customized to each bride's requirements. A separate shop adjoins the bridal salon where full-time seamstresses work on alterations. However, most gowns are ordered individually from the country of origin.

Lina's imports exquisite dresses from Italy, Paris and New York, featuring such well known designers as Loretta, Demetrious and Eve of Milady.

Each bride must have a dress that will suit and flatter her figure. Lina's carries a wide range of styles including straight sheath, mermaid, off-the-shoulder and of course traditional.

Traditional gowns with long trains, high collars and lots of beading start at $650 and range in price up to $6,000. Lina features fabrics such as silk, lace, brocade, organza, taffeta, chanta and satin.

Lina's Boutique employs five expert bridal consultants, each of whom has a thorough knowledge of fabrics, fashion, bridal traditions and etiquette.

Caters to the entire party

Lina's caters to the whole female wedding party, including the mother of the bride and the bridesmaids. The mature or second time bride can also choose from a stunning selection of sophisticated and elegant evening wear.

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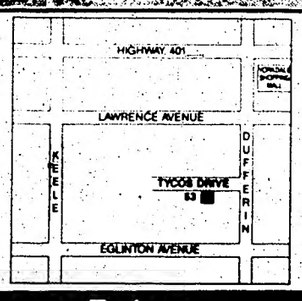

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Boutique carries quality women's fashions

Quality clothes and professional staff are two factors that have helped Lager's remain a leader in women's wear shops for the last 40 years.

Owner Bart Denelzen says that he sells formal wear to women who "are looking for mileage out of their clothes. They want the type of investment dress that will carry them fashionably from year to year."

Denelzen says that Lager's has a selection of custom-order dresses that have been a boon to mothers and family of the bride or those just looking for an after-five outfit. "We have a special rack of more than a dozen outfits from which women can mix and match. For instance if they like a dress but want it in a different color, we have a number of materials from which to choose. They can also, for example, take the jacket from one dress and pair it up with a second dress. This way they are getting an outfit that suits them perfectly. These custom order outfits are great for someone who needs a different size on the top and bottom. Our professional alternationists are on the premises so no one need go away with an outfit that does not fit perfectly."

He adds that these dresses are a nice mix between off-the-rack dresses and those that are custom-made from scratch. "When a mother of the bride comes in, she does not have to choose a dress off the rack, yet she can see exactly what she is getting. By trying on the dress and deciding to order it in a different color or with a different jacket, she is getting it custom-ordered but she knows there will be no surprises."

He says that he has had a shift dress designed especially for Lager's that serves as the basis for many different looks. "This sophisticated shift, available in crepe polyester for after-five wear is a plain, straight garment with capped sleeves. A woman can create her own look by adding an evening jacket, jewelled cardigan or jewelry. Because the dress is usually in black, it can be worn with a number of different colors. It's a great piece to own if you have several weddings to attend where you would like to wear different clothes yet cannot afford to go out and buy different outfits. Dress it up with jewelery one night and with an evening over-shirt another and you have two completely different outfits."

He adds that he has also had designed a wool crepe shirt that can be worn like a jacket. "Again this is a basic that can be worn with the shift dress. It is available in a number of colors such as fuchsia, black, jade green or oriole blue."

He says that because he imports European clothes himself, he has been able to keep the prices lower having eliminated the middle man. "By eliminating the importer we have been able to pass about a 30 percent savings on to our customer."

Luxurious

Tarantino offers fine hand tailoring

"I love fussy people. That's what my business is about," says Marcello Tarantino, one of Canada's pre-eminent bespoke tailors and clothiers.

Tarantino has made a career out of catering to people who expect the best. From his headquarters in Yorkville, he has been providing clothes for a discerning carriage trade for the last 20 years.

Tarantino's commitment to excellence started in his native Italy, where, at the age of 10, he was apprenticed to a local tailor after school. "The tailor had my grandfather's sewing machine," he explains. "Both my grandfathers had been tailors. I fell in love with seeing my first suit being cut."

In his teens, Tarantino moved to Canada where he again worked part-time for a Toronto tailor while completing high school. He then attended the Ontario College of Art, and later left for a two-year study tour of Europe. While there, he gained more firsthand knowledge of the fashion industry by visiting the fabric mills, manufacturers, designers and tailors in Italy, France and Germany.

Since he opened his own boutique on Hazelton Avenue, Tarantino has built a loyal clientele from across Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia because he uses only the world's most luxurious cloth and because he is faithful to the fine art of bespoke hand tailoring.

Through his association with Scabal, the famous European maker of refined woolens and silks, Tarantino became the Canadian agent for Scabal's recently established ready-to-wear line in 1984. Successful in establishing Scabal on the Canadian market, Tarantino is now an important member of the company's design team and he represents Scabal clothing and the company's more casual, Scarab, line of sweaters, jackets, trousers and shirts in Canada, the United States and Mexico.

He also contributes his design input for the Italian made, exclusive, Bymel shirts, which he represents in North America.

Tarantino is also the designer behind a new suede and leather line under his own label, produced in Italy, by Toaldo. This line includes outerwear and evening blazers, vests and trousers.

The culmination of Tarantino's talents are exemplified in his new haute couture collection which includes both day and evening wear. It features soft plaids, three piece business suits of featherweight, Super 150 Merino wool, the finest, most supple of silk double breasted jackets in dramatic glen and Prince of Wales checks, luxurious silk and wool evening jackets and tuxedos, and a sweeping cashmere and lambswool evening cape.

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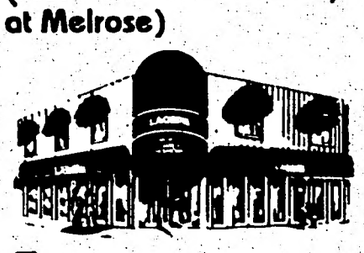

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Grant's Fine China offers expert advice

At Grant's Fine China we have been selling tableware for over 40 years and throughout that time we have found that customer concerns have remained the same when dealing with crystal, fine china, and flatware. Here are 10 of the most frequently asked questions and our answers.

Q: *Can I put crystal glasses in the dishwasher?*

A: Yes . . . but:

1) leave plenty of space between glasses;

2) use about half the recommended detergent;

3) use the gentle wash cycle; and

4) use the dishwasher infrequently.

Remember, frequent dishwashing of leaded crystal causes clouding — this will require professional restoration by glass experts who use an acid rinse.

Q: *Can I put gold-trimmed crystal in the dishwasher?*

A: No. Metals are painted on the glass and the bond is not strong enough to withstand the heat and detergent of dishwashing.

Q: *Should I be concerned about the lead in my crystal?*

A: It has been discovered that elevated lead levels in wines and spirits result from long contact with leaded glass. Do not use leaded crystal decanters for long-term storage. It is assumed that occasional use of leaded glasses is not dangerous due to: a) the small volume of liquid which contacts the leaded glass; and b) rapid consumption.

(If you have serious concerns, contact the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. For an entertaining discussion of this issue call CBC radio for a tape or transcript of Jay Ingram's program "Quirks and Quarks" which covered this topic in early 1992.)

Q: *Is handmade crystal "better" than machine made crystal?*

A: Handmade crystal has a reputation of superiority due to the time consuming crafting involved by skilled artisans. Signs of hand crafting are evident in the varying dimensions between like items — e.g. variations in thickness, height, stem length and bowl width. In fact no two glasses can ever be exactly alike if they are handmade.

For those who prefer complete standardization of dimensions in their crystal glasses, machine made crystal is the answer. Here there is no perceptible difference between like items. They are flawless. Today the combination of economic pressures and high-tech capabilities is resulting in machine made crystal products of the highest designs and quality. In fact the only thing "LOW" about them is the price!

Q: *What is the best way to store crystal wine glasses and tumblers?*

A: Use the specially divided boxes provided by the manufacturer. However, if you prefer to display your crystal glasses, don't crowd them and never stand them on their rims.

Q: *What is the "best" stainless cutlery I can buy?*

A: Look for the marking 18/8 (18 percent chrome and eight percent nickel). This mark is the sign of corrosion-resistant steel. Occasionally you will find the equally acceptable mark 18/10 (eighteen percent chrome and 10 percent nickel). This blend is most often used in the production of cookware but is sometimes used in the manufacture of cutlery.

Q: *I have 18/8 cutlery so why does it show some staining after dishwashing?*

A: The industry's answer to this recurring question is: "Stainless steel does not mean stain *proof* steel." Stains usually occur as a result of: 1) overcrowding the dishwasher basket; 2) pre-rinsing the cutlery and allowing it to air dry; 3) leaving food residue on the cutlery for long periods; 4) not using the dishwasher heat cycle for drying; 5) not using sufficient detergent and rinsing agent; and 6) having a high mineral content in your water supply.

There is only one sure way to avoid staining on quality cutlery: wash by hand immediately after use and then towel dry thoroughly. However, if you are like most people and have no time for hand washing, you should continue to use the dishwasher and then remove annoying stains with an occasional cleaning. Use a quality stainless cleaner like Haggerty or Tarni-Shield to restore the appearance of your cutlery.

Q: *If I purchase gold accented cutlery, can I put it in the dishwasher?*

A: Since the gold application is very thin, constant dishwasher use will likely deteriorate the gold decoration over time. The safest treatment is hand washing.

Q: *What is the difference between bone china and porcelain?*

A: When asking this question, most customers are concerned with factors such as durability and special care requirements. They are interested in chip resistance and safety in the microwave and dishwasher.

Over the years, bone china has been considered an elite product. Its unique formulation (it contains oxbone ash) imparts a whiteness, translucence and chip resistance unparalleled by traditional porcelains. However, porcelain manufacturers have challenged the reputation of bone china within the past decade.

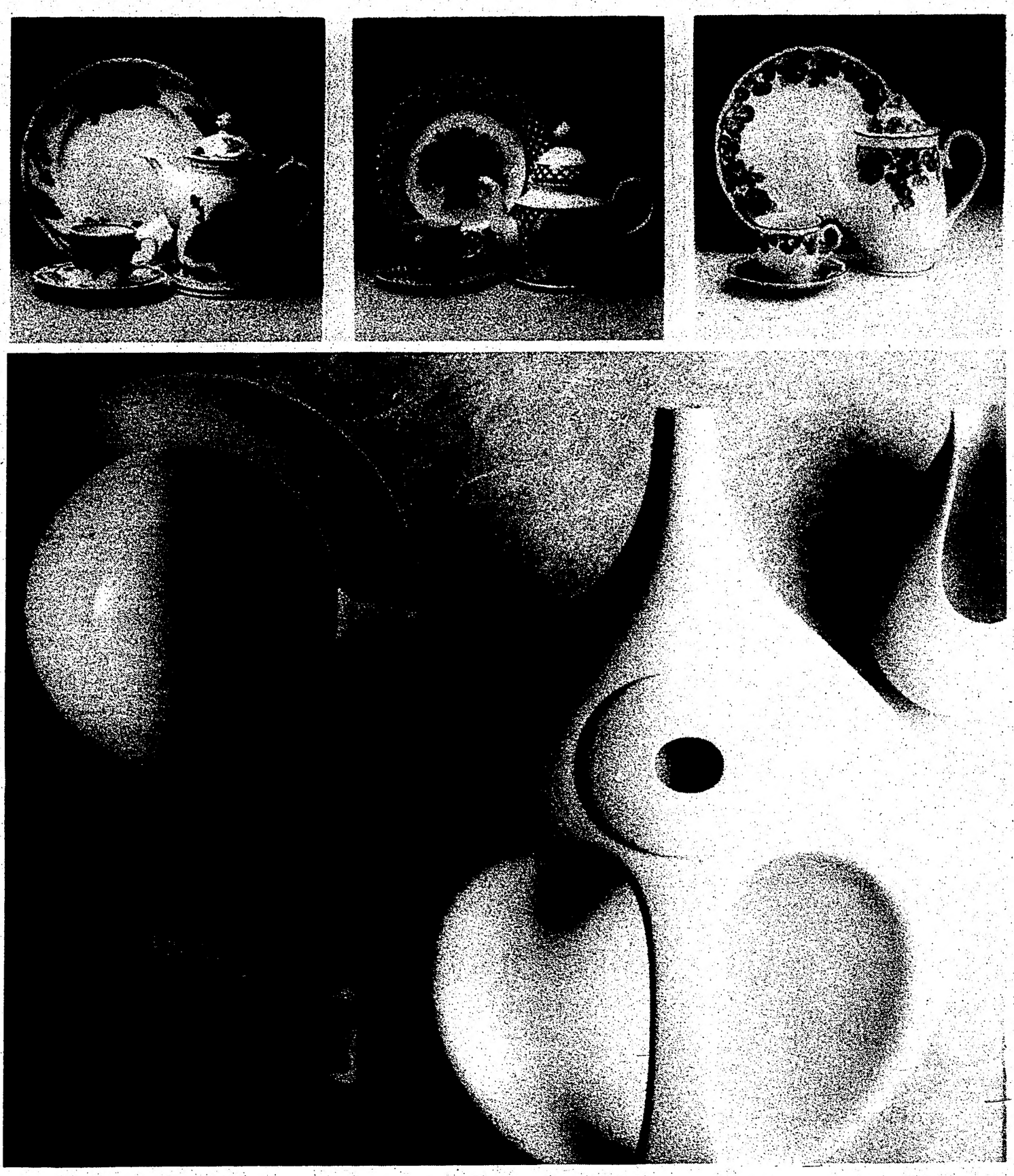
Recent developments in the design and formulation of porcelain have permitted the creation of "super strength" tableware which is priced far below bone china. These high calibre products are available from several major manufacturers. (Take a look at these exciting products — Trend by Thomas, the Vitreous Porcelain Collection by Villeroy & Boch, and the amazing new Maxima Collection by Mikasa.)

All of these creations are chip resistant, microwave safe, freezer safe and dishwasher safe yet all are so refined you're sure to delight your dinner guests.

Q: *Can I put my gold-banded dinnerware in the dishwasher?*

A: Most gold or platinum decorated dinnerware is dishwasher safe . . . within reason. To prevent deterioration of precious metals avoid using excessive amounts of detergent (half the prescribed amount is sufficient). And always use recommended detergents such as Cascade or All. Finally, allow your dinnerware to cool down after the dry cycle. Handling while hot might result in smudging of precious metals.

If you have special concerns about your tableware contact us at Grant's Fine China & Gifts (222-4005) or visit us at our Bayview Village location. Our staff will be glad to answer any questions. Should we be unable to satisfy your request we will be pleased to obtain detailed information from our suppliers on your behalf.



TOP: *From the Villeroy & Boch collection of fine china (L to R): "Amapola", "Basket", and "Melina"*
BOTTOM: *Top view of "Drop" tea service by Rosenthal*

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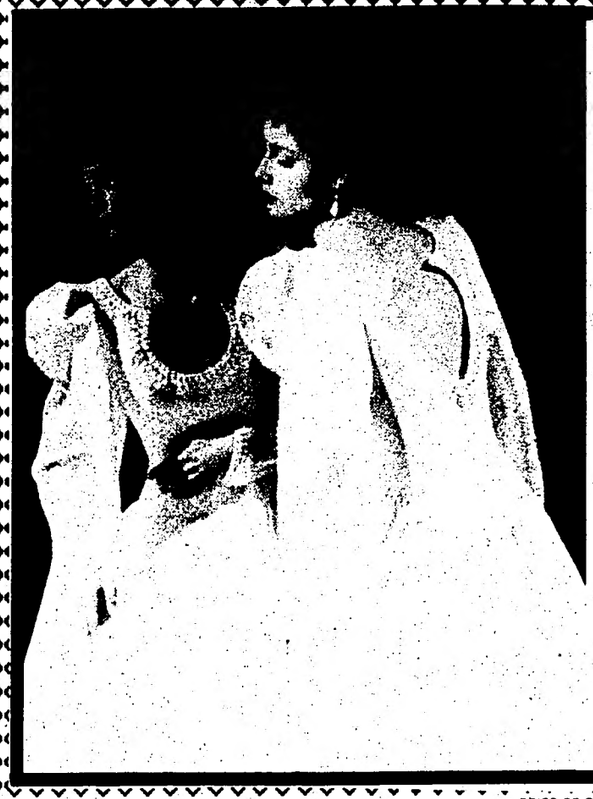

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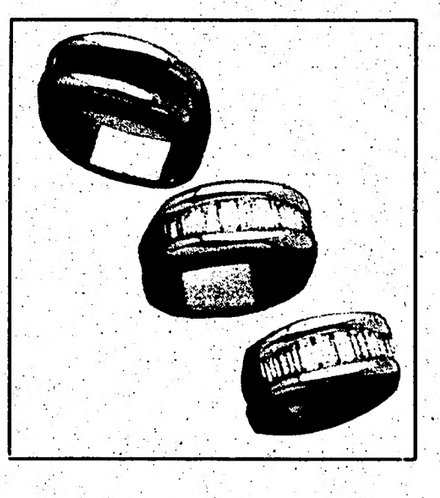

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Stella, who opened the store just a few weeks ago, says that one of her goals was to provide "all the finishing touches for the wedding and honeymoon. We do not sell the table settings and flatware, but rather we have such finishing touches as napkin rings, candle holders, pewter and crystal vases and decorative bowls. We even sell funwear to take along on the honeymoon such as a raw silk blazer in black and gold and glitzy baseball hats."

She adds that she carries a lot of interesting pieces from the Orient such as rice paper figurines, lamps, table boxes and plates. "We concentrate on carrying items for that bride who has everything."

Stella says that what makes it easy to shop at Abbeylane is that there are gifts in all price ranges. "No-one needs to feel intimidated because they do not want to spend a lot of money on a gift. We have something to suit every budget. All a customer has to do is come in and look around. If she has no idea what she would like to buy, our professional staff can guide her by finding out a little about the bride's interests."

She stresses that if a customer does not find what she is looking for "all she has to do is ask. We cannot stock everything, but I do have access to many things so it may be very easy to find thaf perfect gift. For example, if a bride collects teapots and you do not see a teapot in the store, just ask and chances are we can find one. We are always open to suggestions."

Stella says that because she is bringing new products into the store all the time she encourages people to come in and look around. "There is really a lot to see. The store is filled to the brim with interesting items so we encourage people to browse. We are always there to help but we stress non-pressured shopping, so if someone wants to drop in every few days just to look around, they are welcome."

She says that a store like Abbeylane, located at 9665 Bayview Ave., north of 16th Avenue, is just what the area needed. "People need a store where they can feel comfortable just looking around yet are still able to get individualized attention. That really is not possible in a department store. We look upon our customers as our friends. We're always there, yet we know when they need their own time."

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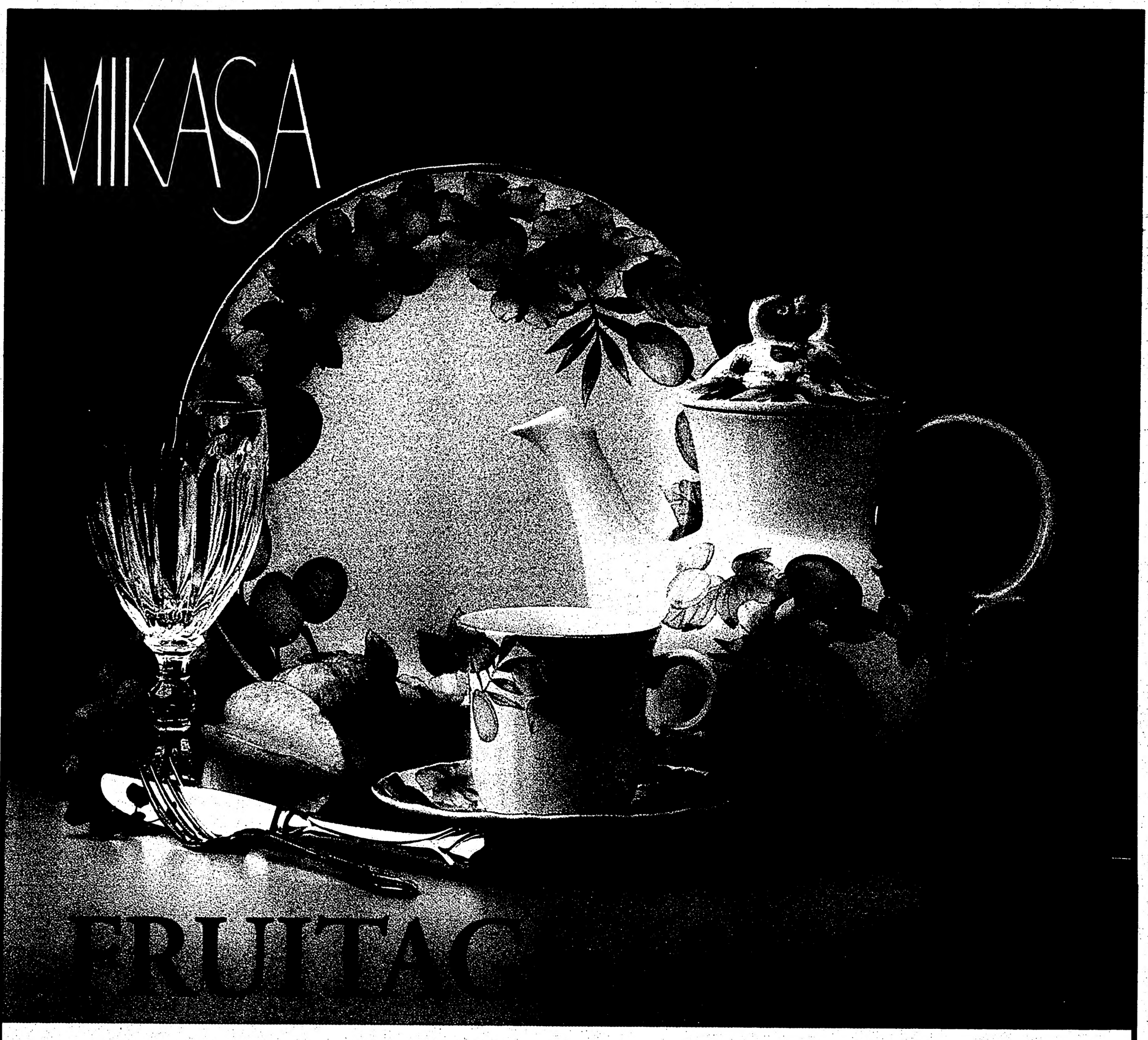

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